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## TEXAS SCHOOL SHOOTING

# ‘NEVER AGAIN.’ AGAIN.



Makayla Pervere, center, of Simsbury, holds a candle with her older sister Alexandra Pervere, left, during a vigil for the victims of the Robb Elementary School shooting, Wednesday. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

## At Simsbury vigil, mourners grieve, rage over Texas shooting

By **Ted Glanzer**  
Hartford Courant

Simsbury Selectman Eric Wellman has a routine with his young daughter as she gets on the bus to go to school every morning.

He kisses her on the head, he gives her a hug and the last thing they say to one another is, “I love you.”

“I wonder about the last words that those parents said to those 19 beautiful children before they got on the bus,” Wellman said at a vigil Wednesday evening in front of Simsbury Town Hall to mourn the shooting deaths of 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

“The only difference between our children and their children is that our children got off the bus today. They came home. ....,” he said.

“Every level of government needs to use every lever it has in order to protect the health and safety of its residents. We have to treat the epidemic of gun violence in the country as a public health crisis.”

Wellman was among the dozen or so speakers who, one after another, unloaded their grief, heartache, rage, weariness and, in at least one case, their hope.

They spoke to the 100 people in attendance, many of whom were holding candles, of how the “never again” would be after Columbine, then Sandy Hook, then Parkland.

Yet the “never again” happened again. Twice recently.

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## Gov. Lamont not ready to call special session — yet

By **Christopher Keating**  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont and legislators expressed outrage Wednesday over the Texas gun massacre, but said they were not sure whether they would call a special session this summer on gun control.

Lamont had been pushing for gun restrictions earlier this year, but the recent legislative session expired in early May without action.

“I was very disappointed that there was no mention of guns,” Lamont told reporters in Hartford of the recent session. “The only things that are less expensive today than they were six months ago are fentanyl and illegal guns on the street — there are so many illegal guns on the street right now.”

“I’d like to think that we could have done a better job here in Connecticut and send a message far afield, especially when it comes to those ghost guns,” Lamont said. “Ghost guns that are there to kill people. Ghost guns that are there so they can’t be detected [at airports] through TSA. Ghost guns that are there without a serial number, just for the wrong purposes. If we can’t outlaw that, we’re

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Mourners pray Wednesday outside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. **IVAN PIERRE AGUIRRE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

## Despair of Texas victims’ families yields to sorrow

Relatives remember children, teachers slain at grade school

By **Elliot Spagat and Acacia Coronado**  
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — Desperation turned to heart-wrenching sorrow for families of grade schoolers killed after an 18-year-old gunman barricaded himself in their Texas classroom and began shooting, killing at least 19 children and their two teachers.

By Wednesday morning, many were

left with the grim reality of an unimaginable horror as the names of the young victims of Tuesday’s shooting at Robb Elementary School in the town of Uvalde began to emerge.

Among them were relatives of 10-year-old Eliahna Garcia, who learned late Tuesday that she was among those killed, her aunt, Siria Arizmemdi said.

“She was very happy and very outgoing,” Arizmendi, a fifth grade teacher at Flores Elementary School in the same school district, said Wednesday. “She loved to dance and play sports. She was

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## Sandy Hook community reliving the nightmares

By **Taylor Hartz**  
Hartford Courant

Nearly 10 years ago, Mary Ann Jacob huddled in a closet in Sandy Hook Elementary School with 18 terror-stricken children as a gunman massacred 20 of their classmates and six educators in nearby classrooms.

The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting remains the deadliest school shooting in American history but is now trailed closely by the slaughter of at least 19 children and two educators at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on Tuesday, where the death toll may still climb. Children are still being identified, some only by their DNA after becoming unrecognizable by the shooting.

When Jacob heard the news of what had happened in Texas she said she was thrust straight back into the worst moments of her life. Moments when she — an elementary school library clerk in small-town Connecticut — was forced to protect scared, shaking students from the rapid fire of an automatic rifle wielded by a 20-year-old.

“Yesterday I was right back in that closet,” she said. “Remembering the fear and horror we experienced trying to be

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Lamont

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in trouble.”  
Asked if he will call a special session this summer on guns, Lamont responded, “I’m not there yet. Let me think about that.”

He added, “I’ve got to see if something has changed. I pushed pretty hard on the ghost guns, in particular. I couldn’t get that through. Maybe the world has changed. Let me talk to a couple of legislators.”

The General Assembly in 2019 banned newer ghost guns, which are often assembled at an owner’s home with parts that can be obtained on the internet. The guns cannot be traced because they do not have a serial number.

Older ghost guns that were manufactured before 2019 were grandfathered as legal, and the most recent legislation this year called for requiring registration of those older guns. But the measure never passed.

Lamont said he had difficulty on gun bills because there is little support among Republicans.

“I think it’s become an incredibly partisan argument right now in our society,” Lamont said. “It wasn’t that way 30 or 40 years ago. That is disturbing. Even a state like Connecticut — after Sandy Hook, we had strong, bipartisan support.”

Lamont gathered with virtually the state’s entire leadership on gun control outside the state Capitol for a news conference Wednesday. The crowd included supporters of Connecticut Against Gun Violence and gun-control advocates who have been fighting for reforms since the shooting deaths of 20 schoolchildren and six educators at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

Lamont, Stefanowski spar

The deaths of 19 schoolchildren and two teachers in a Texas classroom led to a dust-up between Lamont and Republican Bob Stefanowski of Madison over his position on gun control.

Stefanowski said Wednesday that he would uphold Connecticut’s strict gun laws, but Lamont’s campaign released a video from 2018 in which Stefanowski said, “I will veto any legislation that



Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said he is not sure whether he will call a special session this summer on guns. “If you’re not serious on guns, you’re not serious on crime,” Lamont said Wednesday. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

makes it tougher on gun owners.” Democrats also complained that Stefanowski had received a high rating from the National Rifle Association in 2018.

“As governor, I will lead by example and enforce Connecticut’s gun laws that are the strongest in the country,” Stefanowski said Wednesday. “I will ensure that we live up to the commitment made in the wake of Sandy Hook to expand access to mental health services and crack down on gun violence in every single one of our communities. No one will be left behind.

“I will reverse the portion of the police accountability bill passed last year that made it harder for good police officers to do their job. I will support law enforcement and increase funding to police to fill the dangerously high vacancy rates that have resulted in increased violence in Connecticut.”

In 2018, the National Rifle Association awarded Stefanowski an “Aq” rating, with the “q” signifying the highest grade that a new candidate for state office can earn without having cast any votes. The rating was based on Stefanowski’s responses to a questionnaire about gun rights, including that he would

sign a repeal of Senate Bill 1160 that had been passed by a bipartisan majority in the legislature after the Sandy Hook shootings.

Stefanowski also won the backing of the pro-gun Connecticut Citizens Defense League, a grassroots gun owners group that has about 30,000 members.

“Bob Stefanowski is once again trying to hide who he is — claiming he would ‘live up to the commitment’ made in the wake of the tragedy at Sandy Hook,” said Dan Morrocco, Lamont’s campaign manager. “But Bob has already secretly promised his NRA backers that he would repeal the post-Sandy-Hook gun control laws and veto any future gun control measures. Bob might lie — but video doesn’t, and Connecticut voters can see for themselves that his extreme positions are out of step with Connecticut.”

Connecticut’s 2013 gun law expanded the definition of an assault rifle, instituted new permit requirements, banned more than 150 gun models, and banned the sale of bullet-carrying magazines containing more than 10 rounds. The legislation was hailed as a national model at a time when various proposals remained blocked in

Congress.

“Finally, Connecticut has the strongest gun laws in the entire country, and that’s the way they should stay,” Stefanowski said Wednesday in a statement. “But I will also use my platform as governor to urge federal action in Congress on comprehensive solutions that protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners, while strengthening federal laws that prevent those who pose a risk to themselves and others from getting their hands on a gun. It’s time to put politics aside and start working together both as a nation and as a state to prevent these horrific experiences from happening again.”

Rep. Steven Stafstrom, a Bridgeport Democrat who is a key leader on gun control as the co-chair of the legislature’s judiciary committee, said he did not know if there would be a special session.

“I will leave that for the powers that be,” Stafstrom said.

Guns, he said, are clearly entwined with politics.

“Let’s face it. We’re in an election year,” Stafstrom told reporters outside the state Capitol. “It certainly is an election issue. No doubt about that.”

‘No alternative but to try’

During the news conference, an educator who had been working as a clerk in the Sandy Hook Elementary School library on the day of the shooting stepped to the podium.

“I was huddled in a closet with 18 9-year-olds and three of my colleagues that day when gunfire shattered the peace at Sandy Hook School,” said Mary Ann Jacob. “Yesterday, I was right back in that closet, remembering the fear and horror we experienced, trying to be brave for the kids we were with while we were more frightened than we had ever been in our lives.”

Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney, a liberal Democrat from New Haven, sharply criticized conservatives and gun supporters.

“Far too many states, including Texas, have passed legislation to make tragedies like yesterday more rather than less likely,” Looney said Wednesday. “Controlled by the views of the far right, Texas and other states have been irrational and incorrectly viewed any reasonable regulation on firearms as a threat to the 2nd Amendment. Some, like Governor Abbott of Texas, attempt to sidestep the question of access to firearms by asserting that the problem is exclusively one of a growing mental health crisis. The mental health crisis is indeed real, but a deranged person with ready access to an AR-15 is infinitely more dangerous to the community at large than one without such access.”

In Washington, D.C., U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy are both working to pass legislation that will be negotiated with Republicans over the next 10 days. If there are no agreements, the Senate would move ahead with votes in about two weeks, anyway, in the same way that they voted on an abortion bill recently that failed to pass.

“This is a put up or shut up moment for Republicans,” Murphy said in a Zoom call with Connecticut reporters. “Our job is to come here and find solutions. ... No, we can’t pass an assault weapons ban today. We don’t have 60 votes.”

Blumenthal agreed, saying, “We have no alternative but to try. ... I am far from predicting we will have 60 votes for any of these measures.”

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People gather at Simsbury Town Hall for a vigil for the victims of the Robb Elementary School shooting, Wednesday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Vigil

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First in Buffalo, about a week and a half prior, when 10 people were gunned down at a supermarket in a predominantly Black neighborhood by a white supremacist. Then the “never again” happened Tuesday, this time in Uvalde, Texas, with an 18-year-old gunman, armed with an AR-15 and clad in body armor, massacring 19 kids and two adults at Robb Elementary School on Tuesday.

Another mass shooting, another vigil filled with the stricken faces of young and old, from all walks of life, from different faiths, different backgrounds, another plea to public officials to do something. Another one. “I was born in 2001, two years after Columbine,” organizer Kevin Kurian, 21, said. “I have literally never known a country where there has not been the threat of a mass shooting in our schools. That is the case for every single member of my generation and every single person born after us too. ... We

owe it to [the victims] to redouble our efforts on the local, state and national level to finally, once and for all make ‘Never again’ actually mean something.” A couple of speakers said bullying was at the heart of the problem. One said the “gun problem” wouldn’t be addressed, so other solutions needed to be considered. State Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw, D-Avon, wearing an orange shirt — the color of gun violence awareness — rejected that out of hand. “We are the only country in the world that has a color for gun

violence awareness,” she said, noting that the U.S. is not unique in terms of its mental health issues. “We have a problem in this country, and it is a gun problem. It is not the problem you see in other countries, because they don’t have the guns. ... Until we say it loud, we say it often and we are unafraid of one singular lobby that is holding us hostage, holding our children hostage and holding our teachers hostage. ... We should all be angry.” Kavros DeGraw said Connecticut residents saw 20 children and six educators gunned down at

Sandy Hook in 2012. “And nothing changed,” she said. “The silence is deafening. ... We have a mental health crisis in this country, it is not related to this. This is a gun problem. ... We can no longer have a silence problem.” Marcus Furze called on elected officials to act. “Something can be done, we know what the problem is,” he said. “We have to solve it. We know what the problem is. Solve the problem.” Ted Glanzer can be reached at tglanzer@courant.com.

Sandy Hook

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brave for the kids we were with, while we were more frightened than we’ve ever been in our lives.” Jacob joined legislators, shooting survivors and parents of children killed by guns on the steps of the state capitol in Hartford on Wednesday, all sharing an exhaustive frustration that 10 years after the Sandy Hook shooting, lawmakers are still fighting for stricter federal gun laws like universal background checks. “The 20 deaths here in Connecticut of those children and the six colleagues of mine should have been enough,” she said. Nicole Hockley, whose 6-year-old son Dylan Hockley died in his teacher Anne Marie Murphy’s arms in Sandy Hook, said that the news from Texas forced her to remember the events of Dec. 14, 2012, all over again.



Mary Ann Jacob, a survivor of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, speaks on the steps of the Capitol in Hartford on Wednesday after at least 19 children and two teachers were killed in a mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT

“Whenever there is a mass shooting, I am retraumatized. I relive the murder of my beautiful butterfly Dylan, his classmates and educators. The sadness and anger are crushing,” she said. This week, Hockley said she was taken right back to the moment she learned her son had been killed in his elementary school. She was at the firehouse in Sandy Hook, where hoards of parents were waiting to hear whether their child was alive or dead. As parents were reunited with their children, the crowd dwindled down to only those who would receive the worst news of their lives: Their child was among the 20. “I saw on the news that families were gathering outside [in Texas], not knowing if their children were alive or dead,” said Hockley of the heartbreaking images broadcast from Texas Tuesday night. “It brought me right back to the firehouse almost 10 years ago, where I felt relief at finding my older son, Jake — but where my world was ripped apart learning that my baby boy, Dylan, was never coming home,” she said. The Hockley’s had moved to Sandy Hook from England, to the same street as the mother of shooter Adam Lanza — whom Lanza also killed — just two years before the massacre. Dylan, the family said, thrived in their new home. He was learning to read, played tag at the bus stop with his neighbors each morning, loved his teacher and liked to look at the moon, according to his obituary. Dylan’s teacher, Murphy, also died that day as she shielded her students from a downpour of bullets. As Jacob was reliving her harrowing moments in the closet, and Hockley was reliving her heartbreak at the firehouse, Becky Kowalski was hearing the news from her sister: Another shooting, another elementary school. Kowalski’s 6-year-old son Chase Kowalski, a budding triathlete, was one of the first-graders who died in Sandy Hook. The shooting in Texas ripped the wound of Chase’s murder back open. “Ten years really puts a big scab on it ... and things like this, the scab gets pulled off again,” Kowalski said Tuesday night. “All I can say is that my heart goes out to these people. I know exactly how they feel.” Kowalski said she can’t watch TV or read the news too closely these days, so she spared herself the details of what happened inside Robb Elementary School. “I didn’t look any further into it because a lot of times I just can’t,” she said. “I have to shut it out. It’s painful.” After her son’s death, Kowalski started a foundation called the CMAK Foundation, which raises money for kids’ triathlon programs.

This October, she’ll compete in her first Ironman triathlon, right around what would have been Chase’s 17th birthday. “Hopefully these families will see some sort of light to help them in their grief and be able to do something to honor their kids,” Kowalski said. “I have to say, it’s the thing that’s kept us going and changed our lives.” The parents of the children killed at Sandy Hook have channeled their grief in different ways. Many have become advocates for gun control or started nonprofits like Hockley did with the Newtown-based national nonprofit Sandy Hook Promise, which she co-founded with Mark Barden. Hockley and Barden were two of the parents who had their worst fears confirmed at that firehouse a decade ago. They are now dedicated to trying to keep other parents from experiencing the same pain. Daniel Barden, 7, a red-haired boy with a big smile that showed his missing front teeth in his school photo, was also killed in the Sandy Hook shooting. Hockley and Barden said that they were grieving with the families in Uvalde who were living the same nightmare that they, too, still live in — they join the hoards of American parents who find themselves mourning young children slaughtered in school.

“Nineteen children will never come home from school. We know firsthand the unspeakable pain and darkness that descended on Uvalde. Nearly 10 years ago, our sons, Dylan and Daniel, went to school and never came home,” the parents said. The co-CEOs of the nonprofit urged parents everywhere to think about what the Uvalde parents were feeling this week as they stepped out on what Hockley said “will be a very long path of grief and healing.” “For everyone else waking up today — take a moment as you send your child to school and imagine what the Uvalde community is experiencing,” Hockley and Barden said in a joint statement. “Take your headache, your fear, your anger and sadness, and channel them into action. We must take action today and every day until this epidemic of violence ends.” The Sandy Hook Promise nonprofit is aimed toward ending school shootings, empowering children to “know the signs” and creating a culture of change that prevents violence against children. “I know the unspeakable pain these families are experiencing right now, and my heart aches for them. I’m horrified and furious that nearly a decade after my devastation, more parents are going through similar devastation as victims of gun violence,” she said. Hockley said that even 10 years

later, not a day goes by that she doesn’t kiss Dylan’s bright blue urn engraved with his name. The “excruciating pain” of his death, she said, is permanent. “Now is the time to take bold action. As a country, how much longer can we stand by while innocent children continue to be killed?” she and Barden asked. Connecticut legislators, who have been pushing to strengthen gun laws for a decade or longer now, echoed the same questions on the senate floor Tuesday night. In an emotional plea to his colleagues mere hours after the shooting, Sen. Richard Blumenthal said he vividly remembers the moments he spent standing in a Sandy Hook firehouse with parents who, one after the other, heard the news they were dreading: that their children would not be coming home. He urged his colleagues, including some Republican senators he criticized for being “in the grip” of the NRA, to think about those parents, and the parents in Uvalde, as they went home that night to their own families. He said there were no words that could encompass their “bottomless grief.” “That pain will be with them, a hole in their hearts, a place at their tables, a room in their houses that will never be filled again. And hugs that they will never feel, cheeks that they will never kiss,” he said. In Hartford on Wednesday, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz praised Connecticut for being a leader in state-level gun laws, propelled by the tragedy in the Sandy Hook, but urged Congress to follow Connecticut’s lead by passing federal legislation that would help prevent more mass shootings. She said she would not forget who the laws were written for: Dylan, Daniel, Chase, Anne Marie, Charlotte, Annabell, Olivia, Josephine, Ana Grace, Madeline, Catherine, James, Jesse, Grace, Emilie, Jack, Noah, Caroline, Jessica, Avielle, Benjamin, Allison, Dawn, Rachel, Lauren, Mary and Victoria. “We will not forget their names. We will not let those beautiful people be forgotten and we will not wait another day,” she said. To federal lawmaker, she said: “Just do your job, it’s a matter of life and death.”

Courant reporter Lori Riley contributed to this report.



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# Texas gunman sent online warnings

Man posted plans to shoot grandmother, attack grade school

By Acacia Coronado and Jim Vertuno  
Associated Press

UVALDE, Texas — The gunman who killed 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Texas warned in online messages sent minutes before the attack that he had shot his grandmother and was going to shoot up a school, the governor said Wednesday.

Salvador Ramos, 18, used an AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle in the bloodshed Tuesday at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, which ended when police stormed a classroom and killed him. He legally bought the rifle and a second one like it last week, just after his birthday on May 16, authorities said.

“Evil swept across Uvalde yesterday. Anyone who shoots his grandmother in the face has to have evil in his heart,” Gov. Greg Abbott said. “But it is far more evil for someone to gun down little kids.”

Investigators shed no light on the motive for the attack, which also left at least 17 people wounded. The governor said Ramos, a resident of the small town about 85 miles west of San Antonio, had no known criminal or mental health history.

But about a half-hour before the mass shooting, Ramos sent the first of three messages online, Abbott said. Ramos wrote that he was going to shoot his grandmother, then that he had shot the woman. In the last note, sent about 15 minutes before he reached Robb Elementary, he said



Mourners of the victims of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary carry flowers Wednesday in Uvalde, Texas. JAE C. HONG/AP

he was going to shoot up an elementary school, according to Abbott. Investigators said Ramos did not specify which school.

Ramos sent private, one-to-one text messages via Facebook, and they were “discovered after the terrible tragedy,” company spokesman Andy Stone said. He said Facebook is cooperating with investigators.

Amid nationwide calls for tighter restrictions on firearms, the Republican governor repeatedly talked about mental health struggles among Texas young people and said tougher gun laws in Chicago, New York and California are ineffective.

Democrat Beto O’Rourke,

who is running against Abbott for governor, interrupted Wednesday’s news conference, calling the tragedy “predictable.”

Pointing his finger at Abbott, he said: “This is on you until you choose to do something different. This will continue to happen.”

O’Rourke’s words were met with boos and cheers before he was escorted from the room.

Texas has some of the most gun-friendly laws in the nation and has been the site of some of the deadliest shootings in the U.S. over the past five years.

Lt. Christopher Olivarez of the Texas Department of Public Safety told CNN that

all of those killed were in the same fourth grade classroom. The killer “barricaded himself by locking the door and just started shooting children and teachers that were inside that classroom,” Olivarez said.

Police and others responding to the attack also went around breaking windows at the school to enable students and teachers to escape. Officers eventually broke into the classroom and killed Ramos in one last exchange of gunfire, authorities said.

The attack in the predominantly Latino town was the deadliest school shooting in the U.S. since a gunman killed 20 children and six

adults in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut.

The shooting came days before the National Rifle Association annual convention was set to begin in Houston, with the Texas governor and both of the state’s Republican U.S. senators scheduled to speak.

On social media in the days and hours before the massacre, Ramos appeared to drop hints that something was going to happen.

On the day he bought his second weapon last week, an Instagram account that investigators say apparently belonged to Ramos carried a photo of two AR-15-style rifles. That post tagged

another Instagram user, one with more than 10,000 followers, asking her to share the picture.

“I barely know you and u tag me in a picture with some guns,” replied the Instagram user, who has since removed her profile. “It’s just scary.”

On the morning of the attack, the account linked to the gunman replied: “I’m about to.”

Officers found one of the rifles in Ramos’ truck, the other in the school, according to the briefing given to lawmakers. Ramos was wearing a tactical vest, but it had no hardened body-armor plates inside, lawmakers were told. He also dropped a backpack containing several magazines full of ammunition near the school entrance.

One of the guns was purchased at a federally licensed dealer in the Uvalde area May 17, according to state Sen. John Whitmire, who was briefed by investigators. Ramos bought 375 rounds of ammunition the next day, then purchased the second rifle Friday.

On Tuesday morning, Ramos shot and wounded his grandmother at her home, then left. Neighbors called police when she staggered outside and they saw she had been shot in the face, Department of Public Safety spokesperson Travis Considine said.

Ramos then crashed his truck through a railing on the school grounds, and an Uvalde school district officer exchanged fire with him and was wounded, Considine said. Ramos went inside and traded gunfire with two arriving Uvalde police officers, Considine said. Those officers were also wounded.

## Schumer rips GOP after school shooting in Texas

Background-check bills in motion, but little action expected

By Lisa Mascaro  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer swiftly set in motion a pair of background-check bills for gun buyers Wednesday in response to the school massacre in Texas.

However, the New York Democrat acknowledged Congress’ unyielding rejection of previous legislation to curb the national epidemic of gun violence.

Schumer implored his Republican colleagues to cast aside the powerful gun lobby and reach across the aisle for even a modest compromise bill. But no votes are being scheduled.

“Please, please, please ... put yourselves in the shoes of these parents just for once,” Schumer said as he opened the Senate.

He threw up his hands at the idea of what might seem an inevitable outcome: “If the slaughter of schoolchildren can’t convince Republicans to buck the NRA, what can we do?”

The killing of at least 19 children and two teachers

at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, has laid bare the political reality that Congress has proven unwilling or unable to pass substantial federal legislation to curb gun violence in America.

In many ways, the end of any gun violence legislation in Congress was signaled a decade ago when the Senate failed to approve a firearms background check bill after 20 children — mostly 6- and 7-year-olds — were killed when a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Despite the outpouring of grief Wednesday after the starkly similar Texas massacre, it’s not at all clear there will be any different outcome.

“It’s our choice,” lamented Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., on “CBS Mornings.”

While President Joe Biden said “we have to act,” substantial gun violence legislation has been blocked by Republicans, often with a handful of conservative Democrats.

Despite mounting mass shootings in communities nationwide — two in the past two weeks alone, including the racist killing of Black shoppers at a Buffalo, New

York, grocery store — there have never been enough lawmakers willing to set aside their differences and buck the gun lobby to work out any compromise.

Even the targeting of their own failed to move Congress to act.

Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot in the head at an event outside a Tucson grocery store in 2011, and several Republican lawmakers on a congressional baseball team were shot years later during a practice.

“The conclusion is the same,” said Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J. “I’m not seeing any of my Republican colleagues come forward right now and say, ‘Here’s a plan to stop the carnage.’”

It’s “nuts to do nothing about this,” Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., Giffords’ husband, said Wednesday, using an expletive.

Republicans quickly pushed forward a bill championed by Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin that would create a nationwide database of school safety practices.

Schumer, though, objected to its immediate consideration, vowing a much broader debate and votes.

Pleading with his colleagues for a compro-



Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., urged his Republican colleagues to “put yourselves in the shoes of these parents” after 19 kids were killed Tuesday at a Texas school. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

mise, Murphy said he was reaching out to the two Texas Republican senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and had called fellow Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who authored the bill that failed after Sandy Hook.

“When you have babies, little children, innocent as can be, oh God,” Manchin told reporters, noting he had three school-age grandchildren. “It just makes no sense at all why we can’t do common sense — common sense things — and try to prevent some of this from

happening.”

In the aftermath of Sandy Hook, compromise legislation, written by Manchin and Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, was backed by a majority of senators. But it fell to a filibuster — blocked by most Republicans and a handful of Democrats, unable to overcome the 60-vote threshold needed to advance.

The same bill flamed out again in 2016, after 49 people died a mass shooting at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

“My interest in doing

something to improve and expand our background check system remains,” Toomey told reporters Wednesday. He said he had been in contact with Murphy.

But Toomey was an outlier. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has declined to publicly comment on potential legislation, and few others added their voices to the mix.

The Texas shooting was a secondary topic at the senators’ private GOP lunch on Wednesday.

## Shooter, 18, had few friends, fought with his family, classmates say

By Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs  
The New York Times

The gunman who fatally shot 19 children and two teachers in a Texas elementary school was a high school senior who frequently missed school and struggled to get along with classmates, acquaintances said as they tried to make sense of the massacre.

Salvador Ramos, the 18-year-old gunman who died at the scene, had few

friends at Uvalde High School, his classmates said.

Jeremiah Munoz was a senior at the high school four years ago when he bonded with Ramos, then a freshman, over their shared love of video games, particularly Fortnite and Call of Duty. Munoz, 22, said that back then, he recalled students picking on Ramos.

Charlie Marsh, a 17-year-old in the same grade as Ramos, said she had heard people call him names, including a homophobic

slur, but that she thought he was provoking people.

Over the weekend, Ramos had sent a photograph of two black rifles to Munoz, similar to one he had posted on his Instagram account.

Graduating seniors from Uvalde High School had visited the elementary school Monday and high-fived the students, who are in second through fourth grades, as part of the high school’s senior week. One student who participated said on social media that

Ramos had not attended.

Munoz said that when he played Xbox with Ramos, he would often hear him arguing with his mother through the microphone. Ramos’ mother would scream at him, telling him that he needed to go to school and that he was doing nothing with his life, Munoz said, and Ramos would yell expletives at her.

He would often leave his mother’s home and stay with his grandmother for several days after a big fight,

Munoz said, and in the past year it seemed that he was spending even more time at his grandmother’s home.

Authorities have said Ramos’ grandmother was shot before he crashed a pickup truck near the elementary school.

Several people who followed Ramos on Instagram said they had first met him on websites designed to connect strangers, including Yubo, an app that lets people livestream videos of themselves and markets itself as

a way to “get friends.”

Marsh said Ramos had hardly shown up to their shared fourth-period class this year, but that she saw him working at a Wendy’s about two months ago. The night manager there said Ramos went out of his way to keep to himself.

“You know how my guys talk to each other and are friendly?” Adrian Mendez, the night manager, said Tuesday night as he motioned to two employees. “He wasn’t like that.”



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A resident of the eastern Ukrainian town of Pokrovsk removes dust from a bench outside her heavily damaged house on Wednesday after two Russian rocket strikes. FRANCISCO SECO/AP

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russian rockets blast homes in Ukraine’s embattled east

By Elena Becatoros  
Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — The Russian rocket strikes came early Wednesday morning in the eastern Ukrainian town of Pokrovsk, shaking buildings, jolting people out of bed and sending chunks of concrete and jagged pieces of metal flying.

One of the two rockets left a crater nearly 10 feet deep, remnants of the projectile still smoldering as nearby residents picked through the debris of their homes, trying to salvage whatever they could.

A row of low-terraced houses nearby suffered significant damage, with roof tiles blown off, door frames ripped from the walls and pieces of brick, concrete and asphalt scattered on the ground.

Four civilians were wounded, said Pavlo Kyrylenko, head of the Donetsk military administration.

The strikes in Pokrovsk were among several over the past two days on towns and villages as Russia pressed

forward in its offensive in the Donbas, Ukraine’s eastern industrial heartland.

“There’s no place left to live in, everything is smashed,” said Viktoria Kurbonova, a mother of two who lived in one of the terraced houses. The windows had been blown out by an earlier strike about a month ago, and were replaced with plastic sheeting. That, she said, probably saved their lives as there was no glass flying around.

She had been asleep when the strike hit, just yards from her house.

“I was reaching for my child and I couldn’t find him in the dust,” she said. The boy had been sleeping in the same room as her, while her daughter had been in the next room with Kurbonova’s mother. They were all shaken, but none were hurt.

Kyrylenko said Russian strikes killed 12 civilians the previous day in the Donetsk region and wounded another 10. Another strike on the city of Kramatorsk, northeast of Pokrovsk, hit a building under construction, damaging it and blowing out windows in nearby

buildings but causing no casualties.

“Russians continue hitting the cities that are away from the front line,” Kyrylenko said on his Telegram channel. “They would like to kill as many civilians as possible and cause panic. That is why the only good choice is evacuation.”

The governor of the neighboring Luhansk region, Serhiy Haidai, said at least six civilians had been killed and eight wounded over the past 24 hours in shelling in the town of Sieverodonetsk, at the heart of the Russian offensive in eastern Ukraine.

Russian forces have been attempting to encircle Sieverodonetsk and cut off Ukrainian forces there. Haidai accused the Russians of deliberately targeting civilian shelters.

Moscow-backed separatists have fought Ukrainian forces in the Donbas for eight years and hold large swaths of territory. Sieverodonetsk and neighboring cities are the only part of the Donbas’ Luhansk region still under Ukrainian government control.

ELECTION 2022

String of losses shows limits to Trump’s power in GOP

By Jill Colvin  
and Jeff Martin  
Associated Press

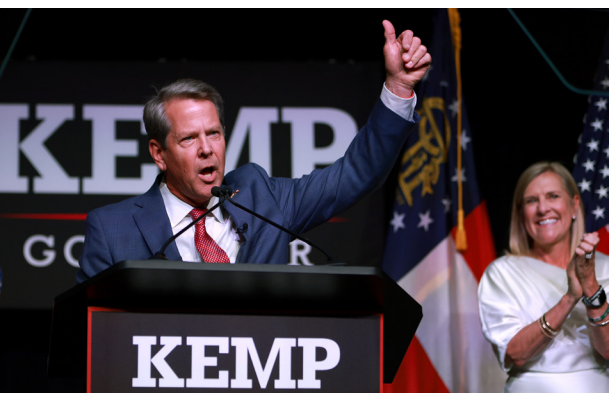
WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Donald Trump opened May by lifting a trailing Senate candidate in Ohio to the Republican nomination, seemingly cementing the former president’s kingmaker status before another possible White House run. He’s ending the month, however, stinging from a string of defeats that suggests a diminishing stature.

Trump faced a series of setbacks in Tuesday’s primary elections as voters rejected his efforts to unseat two top targets for retribution: Georgia’s Republican governor and secretary of state, both of whom rebuffed Trump’s pressure to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. But the magnitude of defeat in the governor’s race — more than 50 percentage points — was especially stunning and raised questions about whether Republican voters are beginning to move on from Trump.

Nearly six years after the onetime reality television star launched what seemed to be an improbable campaign for the White House, the “Make America Great Again” movement Trump helmed isn’t going anywhere. But voters are increasingly vocal in saying that the party’s future is about more than Trump.

“I like Trump a lot, but Trump is in the past,” said David Butler, of Woodstock, Georgia, who voted for Gov. Brian Kemp on Tuesday and said Trump’s endorsements had “no” impact “whatsoever” on his thinking.

Trump sought to play down the losses by his favored candidates, saying on his social media platform Wednesday that he had a “very big and success-



Republican Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, campaigning for a second term in office, defeated a Donald Trump-appointed challenger Tuesday in his party’s primary. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY

ful evening of political Endorsements.”

Still, the pattern of high-profile defeats is hard to ignore. After J.D. Vance vaulted from third to first place following Trump’s endorsement in the Ohio Senate primary, the dynamics took a turn. Trump’s pick in Nebraska’s primary for governor lost after allegations surfaced that he had groped women.

In Idaho a week later, the governor beat a Trump-backed challenger. In North Carolina, voters rebuffed Trump’s plea to give a scandal-plagued congressman a second chance. And in Pennsylvania, a marquee Senate primary featuring Trump-endorsed Mehmet Oz was close enough to trigger a recount Wednesday.

But Trump’s biggest upset was in Georgia, where former Sen. David Perdue, whom Trump had lobbied to run, lost to Kemp. The governor was among Trump’s top targets after he refused to overturn the results of the 2020 White House election in his state.

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who defied Trump’s call to “find” the votes to change the outcome two years ago — a call now under investigation — also won his party’s nomi-

nation. Attorney General Chris Carr and Insurance Commissioner John King — both opposed by Trump — were also successful in their primaries.

In Alabama, Rep. Mo Brooks, whose Senate endorsement Trump rescinded, made it to a runoff, having gained support after Trump dropped him.

Trump has endorsed in nearly 200 races, often inserting himself into contests that aren’t particularly competitive and helping bolster his compilation of wins.

His early support helped football great Herschel Walker and Rep. Ted Budd sail to their respective Senate primary nominations in Georgia and North Carolina. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Trump’s former press secretary, easily won the GOP nomination for governor in Arkansas.

But some Republicans grouse that precious time and money have been wasted on an ego-driven vengeance campaign, forcing incumbents to defend themselves in primaries rather than focus on general elections. They worry Trump has elevated some candidates who may prove unelectable in the November general election and has exacerbated divisions.



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WORLD & NATION

US-made howitzers blast way to front lines

By Andrew E. Kramer, Maria Varenikova and Ivor Prickett  
The New York Times

POKROVSK, Ukraine — Camouflaged in a heap of branches cut from nearby trees, the weapon that Ukraine hopes will make a critical difference in its war with Russia is all but invisible from more than a few feet away.

Soon, a single round shoots out with a boom and a howling, metallic shriek as it sails toward Russian positions.

It is the U.S.-made M777 howitzer, known as the triple seven. It shoots farther, moves faster and is hidden more easily, and it's what the Ukrainian military has been waiting for.

Three months into the war in Ukraine, the first M777s — the most lethal weapons the West has provided — are now deployed in combat in Ukraine's east. Their arrival has buoyed Ukraine's hopes of achieving artillery superiority at least in some front-line areas, a key step toward military victories in a war now fought mostly on flat, open steppe at long ranges.

The U.S. howitzers are chunky machines of steel and titanium swathed in hydraulic hoses and perched on four braces that fold up and down. They have already fired hundreds of rounds since arriving around May 8, destroying armored vehicles and killing Russian soldiers, Ukrainian commanders say.

"This weapon brings us closer to victory," said Col. Roman Kachur, commander of the 55th Artillery Brigade, whose unit was the first unit to deploy the weapon. Mixing confidence with an implicit plea for more weapons, he added, "With every modern weapon, every precise weapon, we get closer to victory."

How close remains unclear, Western military analysts say. The arrival



A gun crew fires an M777 howitzer toward Russian positions Sunday in eastern Ukraine. IVOR PRICKETT/THE NEW YORK TIMES

of the new weapons is no guarantee of success, as the Russians continue to engage in fierce fighting in the eastern Donbas region.

Much depends on numbers.

"Artillery is very much the business of quantity," Michael Kofman, director of Russian studies at CNA, a research institute in Arlington, Virginia, said. "The Russians are one of the largest artillery armies you can face."

The United States said weeks ago that it would provide the howitzers, but their use in combat has been mostly hinted at in online videos posted, mostly anonymously, by soldiers. On Sunday, the military provided The New York Times a tour of a gun line in eastern Ukraine, the first independent confirmation by international media that the guns are in use.

Military analysts say the full effect won't be felt for at least another two weeks,

because Ukraine has yet to train enough soldiers to fire all 90 such howitzers pledged by the United States and other allies. Only about a dozen guns are now at the front.

Arming Ukraine with more powerful weapons is a politically sensitive issue.

The United States, France, Slovakia and other Western nations have been rushing in artillery and support systems — such as drones, counter-battery radar and armored vehicles for towing guns — even as Russia accuses the West of fighting a proxy war in Ukraine, and threatens unspecified consequences if weapons shipments continue.

Disagreements over how aggressively to confront Russia have cropped up in the Western coalition. France, Italy and Germany have suggested that Ukraine use the leverage of more powerful weapons to push for a cease-fire that might lead to a negotiated with-

drawal of Russian forces.

Ukrainian officials have pushed back. They insist that momentum is on their side and that talks should come only after battlefield wins and recapturing territory — once an almost inconceivable idea that became more tenable after Ukraine's military inflicted multiple setbacks on Russia even before the arrival of Western heavy weaponry.

The Ukrainian military has repelled Russian troops from Kyiv, the capital, and from positions near the country's second-largest city, Kharkiv, but is under pressure now in a more limited battle for control of the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine.

"It's like an automobile, not a gas-powered or electric but a hybrid," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said of ending the war with a mix of military gains and talks. "And that is how war is: complicated.

"Victory will be bloody,"

he said.

In any case, diplomatic talks halted about a week ago, both sides said, throwing the outcome back to the battlefields. And not all has gone Ukraine's way.

Russian forces are now close to surrounding the city of Sievierodonetsk, threatening an encirclement of Ukrainian troops.

"I'm surprised people believe Ukrainian forces can absorb this level of losses and then be ready to go on the offensive right afterward," Kofman, the analyst, said.

Still, the new, longer-ranged Western artillery is the most powerful and destructive of the many types now being provided by NATO countries.

They fire three miles farther than the most common artillery system used by the Russian army in the Ukraine war, the Msta-S self-propelled howitzer — and 10 miles farther if shooting a precision, GPS-guided

projectile.

In the artillery duels that have defined the war in recent weeks, soldiers value not just range but the ability to quickly hide and move guns and supporting vehicles.

Since their deployment, the dozen or so howitzers operating in two artillery batteries had by Sunday fired 1,876 rounds, according to Ukrainian officers.

With a mix of airburst, anti-personnel fragmentation rounds and other types of projectiles, the Ukrainian gunners have destroyed at least three Russian armored vehicles and, by Kachur's estimate, killed at least several dozen Russian soldiers.

At the firing line in the trees, empty ammunition boxes and spent cartridges were scattered amid foxholes. Kalashnikov rifles leaned against tree trunks.

The officers didn't say what they were targeting.

The purpose of the guns will be to grind down Russian positions and military infrastructure, such as ammunition depots and command posts, they said. Ukrainian soldiers say the howitzers will also save civilian lives by striking Russian artillery firing on their towns.

The types of Western artillery flowing into Ukraine now have several advantages over Soviet legacy systems, Ukrainian artillery officers said.

Among the most important is their compatibility with NATO-caliber shells, easing fears that Ukraine might soon run out of Soviet-standard ammunition now made mostly in Russia.

In addition to the weapons the United States is sending, the French have promised Caesar truck-mounted howitzers, which are capable of quickly driving away after firing in a maneuver known as "shoot and scoot."

Slovakia has also pledged howitzers.

NEWS BRIEFING

Panel told that Trump appeared to approve chants to hang Pence

From news services

Shortly after hundreds of rioters at the U.S. Capitol started chanting "Hang Mike Pence!" on Jan. 6, 2021, the White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows, left the dining room off the Oval Office, walked into his own office and told colleagues that President Donald Trump was complaining that the vice president was being whisked to safety.

Meadows, according to an account provided to the House committee investigating Jan. 6, then told the colleagues that Trump had said something to the effect of, maybe Pence should be hanged.

It is not clear what tone Trump was said to have used. But the reported remark was further evidence of the rupture between the president and his vice president, and of how Trump appeared to identify with the rioters' sentiments about Pence — whom he had unsuccessfully pressured to block certification of the Electoral College results that day.

The account of Trump's comment was initially provided to the House committee by at least one witness, according to two people briefed on their work, as the panel develops a timeline of what the president did during the riot.

Another witness, Cassidy Hutchinson, a former aide to Meadows who was present in his office when he recounted Trump's remarks, was asked by the committee about the account and confirmed it, according to the people familiar with the panel's work. It was not immediately clear how much detailed information Hutchinson provided.

A lawyer for Meadows said he has "every reason to believe" that the account of what Meadows said "is untrue."

Taylor Budowich, a spokesman for Trump, criticized the committee's work. "This partisan committee's vague 'leaks,' anonymous testimony and willingness to alter evidence proves it's just an extension of the Democrat smear campaign that has been exposed time and time again for being fabricated and dishonest," he said.

A lawyer for Hutchinson did not respond to a message seeking comment. A spokesman for the committee declined to comment.

**Biden signs policing order:** On the second anniversary of George Floyd's death, President Joe Biden signed an executive order Wednesday to improve accountability in policing.

"Today we're acting. We're showing that speaking out matters," Biden said.

Floyd's family was in the audience at the White House. Floyd's killing by Minneapolis police sparked nationwide protests two years ago amid coronavirus lockdowns and President Donald Trump's divisive election campaign.

Most of Biden's order is focused on federal law enforcement agencies — for example, requiring them to review and revise policies on use of force. It will also create a database to help track officer misconduct, the White House said.

In addition, the order is designed to restrict the flow of surplus military equipment to local police.

**Duggar sentenced:** Former reality TV star Josh Duggar was sentenced Wednesday to about 12 ½ years in prison after he was convicted of receiving and possessing child pornography.

Prosecutors had asked U.S. District Judge Timothy Brooks to give the maximum term of 20 years to



**Buffalo supermarket shooting:** Pallbearers wheel the casket of Aaron Salter Jr. on Wednesday in Getzville, New York. The 55-year-old Salter, a retired Buffalo police officer, was one of 10 Black people killed by an 18-year-old white gunman May 14. Services were also held for Pearl Young, a 77-year-old great-grandmother and substitute teacher. JOSHUA BESSEX/AP

Duggar, whose family was the focus of TLC's "19 Kids and Counting."

The judge sentenced Duggar to 12 years and seven months in prison, one day after denying a defense motion to overturn the guilty verdict on grounds of insufficient evidence or to order a new trial.

Duggar, whose lawyers sought a five-year sentence, maintains his innocence.

Duggar was arrested in April 2021 after an Arkansas police detective found child porn files were being shared by a computer traced to Duggar.

TLC canceled "19 Kids and Counting" in 2015 after allegations Duggar had molested four of his sisters and a babysitter years earlier.

**Russia probe trial:** Defense lawyers for a Hillary Clinton campaign lawyer charged with lying to the FBI during the Trump-Russia probe have shown jurors handwritten notes aimed at undercutting allegations

that he misled the federal government about his legal work.

Michael Sussmann is on trial in Washington's federal court, accused of lying to the FBI's general counsel during a September 2016 meeting when he presented computer data that purported to show a secret communications backchannel between Donald Trump and Russia.

The FBI investigated but determined no link existed between the Trump Organization, the former president's company, and Russia-based Alfa Bank.

Prosecutors allege Sussmann misled the FBI by saying he was not attending the meeting on behalf of a particular client when he was representing the interests of the Clinton campaign and a technology executive who had provided him with the data.

**Report blames Johnson:** An investigative report released Wednesday blamed British Prime Minister Boris John-

son and other senior leaders for allowing boozy government parties that broke the U.K.'s COVID-19 lockdown rules, and while Johnson said he took "full responsibility" for the breaches, he insisted he would not resign.

Revelations that Johnson and his staff repeatedly flouted restrictions they imposed on Britain in 2020 and 2021 have fueled outrage in the country and led to calls from opponents for Johnson to step down.

Most lawmakers in Johnson's governing Conservative Party have stood by him for now, and it's not yet clear if senior civil servant Sue Gray's report will change that, despite its detailed descriptions of alcohol-fueled bashes in the building where the prime minister lives and works.

Gray investigated 16 gatherings attended by Johnson and his staff while U.K. residents were barred from socializing, or even from visiting sick and dying relatives, because of coronavirus restrictions.

**Abortion ban signed:** Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt on Wednesday signed into law the nation's strictest abortion ban, making the state the first in the nation to effectively end availability of the procedure.

The law takes effect upon Stitt's signature and prohibits all abortions with few exceptions.

Abortion providers have said they will stop performing the procedure as soon as the bill is signed.

The only exceptions in the Oklahoma law are to save the life of a pregnant woman or if the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest that has been reported to law enforcement.

The bill specifically authorizes doctors to remove a "dead unborn child caused by spontaneous abortion," or miscarriage, or to remove an ectopic pregnancy, a potentially life-threatening emergency that occurs when a fertilized egg implants outside the uterus, often in a fallopian tube and early in pregnancy.







BUSINESS

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Lawmakers rip FDA head over baby formula crisis

Agency tries to explain setbacks as national shortage results in imports

By Matthew Perrone  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The head of the Food and Drug Administration faced bipartisan fury from House lawmakers Wednesday over months of delays investigating problems at the nation’s largest baby formula plant that prompted an ongoing shortage. FDA Commissioner Robert Califf laid out a series of setbacks in congressional testimony that slowed his agency’s response, including a COVID-19 outbreak at the plant and a whistleblower complaint that didn’t reach FDA leadership because it was apparently lost in the mail. Califf testified before a House subcommittee probing the shortage, which has snowballed into a major political controversy and forced the U.S. to begin airlifting products from Europe. The FDA’s response was: “Too slow and there were decisions that were suboptimal along the way,” Califf told lawmakers. The FDA and President Joe Biden face mounting political pressure to explain why

they didn’t intervene earlier to try and head off the supply crisis. “Why did it take an onslaught of national media attention for the Biden administration to act with a sense of urgency required to address an infant formula shortage?” asked Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Va., the committee’s ranking Republican. The panel is also scheduled to hear from three formula manufacturers, including Abbott Nutrition. The shortage mostly stems from Abbott’s Michigan plant, which the FDA shut down in February due to contamination issues. Califf gave the first detailed account of why his agency took months to inspect and shutter the plant despite learning of potential problems as early as September. “We knew that ceasing plant operations would create supply problems but we had no choice given the insanitary conditions,” Califf said in opening testimony. FDA staff began honing in on Abbott’s plant last fall while tracking several bacterial infections in infants who had consumed formula from the facility. The four cases

occurred between September and January, leading to hospitalization and two deaths. The FDA planned to begin inspecting the Sturgis, Michigan, plant on Dec. 30, according to Califf’s testimony. But Abbott warned that about a dozen of its employees had tested positive for COVID-19 and requested a delay. As a result, the FDA didn’t begin its inspection until Jan. 31. After detecting positive samples of a rare-but-dangerous bacteria in multiple parts of the plant, the FDA closed the facility and Abbott announced a massive recall of its formula on Feb. 17. Abbott and the FDA have reached an agreement to reopen the plant next week, under which the company must regularly undergo outside safety audits. Political outrage over the shortage has landed squarely on the FDA and Califf, the only administration official who has testified thus far on the issue. The problems have escalated into a political firestorm for the White House, which has invoked the Defense Production Act and emergency flights to shore up supplies.

Tentative settlement in opioid trial in W.Va.

By John Raby  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Attorneys for the state of West Virginia and two remaining pharmaceutical manufacturers have reached a tentative \$161.5 million settlement just as closing arguments were set to begin in a seven-week trial over the opioid epidemic, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said Wednesday. Morrisey announced the development in court in the state’s lawsuit against Teva Pharmaceuticals Inc., AbbVie’s Allergan and their family of companies. The judge agreed to put the trial on hold to give the parties the opportunity to work out a full settlement agreement in the coming weeks. The trial started April 4. The lawsuit accused the defendants of downplaying the risks of addiction associated with opioid use while overstating the benefits. Under the tentative deal, West Virginia would receive more than \$134.5 million in cash, while Teva would supply the state with \$27 million worth of Narcan, a medication that can reverse opioid overdoses, restore breathing and bring someone back to consciousness. By reaching a settlement, “it obviously puts us in a position where we mitigate risk,” Morrisey said. “We could win if we kept going to trial. I think we would have won. No guarantees, of course. But then we might be subject to five years of appeals and then we wouldn’t see any resources for five years.” West Virginia had reached a \$99 million settlement with drugmaker Johnson & Johnson’s subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. last month over the drugmaker’s role in perpetuating the opioid crisis in the state that has long led the nation in drug overdose deaths.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

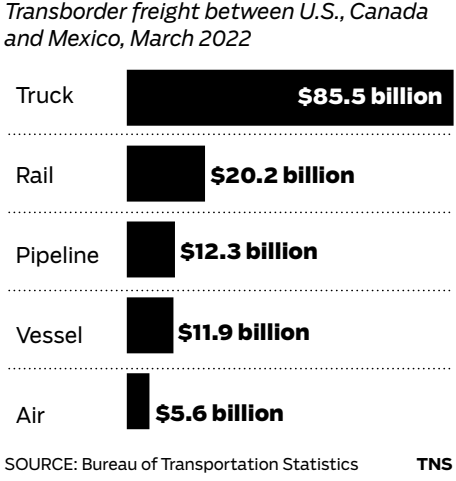
Russia to pay its debts in rubles

Russia says it will pay dollar-denominated foreign debt in rubles, a move that is likely to be seen by foreign investors as a default. The U.S. Treasury Department led by Janet Yellen allowed a license to expire Wednesday that permitted Russia to keep paying its debtholders through American banks. The license applied to American investors and international investors who have dollar-denominated debt or bonds. The Russian Finance Ministry said it will pay in rubles and offer “the opportunity for subsequent conversion into the original currency.” Russia has not defaulted on its international debts since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, when the Russian Empire collapsed and the Soviet Union was created.

India puts limit on sugar exports

India is restricting its sugar exports to 10 million tons in the current season to help maintain domestic availability and keep prices stable. India is the second-largest producer, after Brazil, and biggest consumer of sugar in the world, according to the All India Sugar Trade Association. It’s the second-largest exporter of sugar. The export curbs are its first in six years. India exported a record 7 million metric tons in the 2021-22 financial year, which ended in March. That was up from 620,000 tons in 2017-18. The country is expected to produce more than 30 million tons in this growing season, and domestic consumption is estimated at about 28 million tons, with domestic reserves at roughly 8 million tons.

North America cross border freight



Mark Bendell, looking to retire by year’s end, talks with his wife, Laurie, on Monday in their kitchen in Boca Raton, Florida. MARTA LAVANDIER/AP

Retirement on hold for some

Inflation, market slide have many Americans rethinking planned exit from workforce

By Alex Veiga and Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press

Americans on the cusp of retiring are facing a tough choice as they watch their nest eggs shrink: stay the course or keep working. A stock market slump this year has taken a big bite out of investors’ portfolios, including retirement plans like 401(k)s. The S&P 500, the benchmark for many index funds, is down about 17% since its all-time high in early January. The sharp reversal after a banner 2021 for Wall Street has been particularly unsettling for those who have been planning to retire sooner rather than later, and banking on a healthier stock portfolio to help fund their post-work lifestyle. It doesn’t help that the cost of everything from gasoline to food is up sharply amid the highest inflation since the 1970s. And that the Federal Reserve’s recipe for fighting inflation — hiking interest rates — has heightened fears the U.S. economy will slide into a recession. All of that is bad

news for corporate earnings growth, which is a key driver of stock prices. The market skid has financial planners hearing more often from anxious clients seeking advice and reassurance in equal measure. They say some clients are opting to push back their retirement date in hopes that will buy time for their investments to bounce back. Meanwhile, retirees already tapping their investments may have to consider beefing up their savings with a part-time job or putting off major travel or spending plans. “From late 2020 through 2021 we saw a wave of clients retire because of the large gains in the stock market and because they no longer wanted to work in the COVID ‘new normal’ work environment,” said Mark Ryland, a financial planner in Newport Beach, California. This year, half the clients who discussed retirement opted to still retire, while the other half decided to hold off, he said. Historically, the stock market has tended to deliver positive returns within a year following steep declines. But unlike younger investors who can ride out Wall Street’s sharp swings, workers closing in on retirement don’t have as much time to make up losses from hefty market downturns. “I am a little afraid — I don’t want to

work until I’m 70,” said Nancy Roberts, 60, a librarian in Meridian, Idaho. Many soon-to-be retirees are also terrified about inflation, which can be “devastating” over decades, said Mark Struthers, a financial adviser with Sona Wealth Advisers in St. Paul, Minneapolis. Social Security has a built-in inflation adjustment, but it doesn’t keep up with real inflation, and pensions — which far fewer workers have these days — often max out the inflation adjustment at 1.5%, he said. “Compounding is magical when it is working for you, but devastating when it’s working against you,” Struthers said. He advises retirees who are worried about getting by on their savings to be willing to cut back on spending on big-ticket items. That could mean waiting 10 years rather than seven to buy a new car. He also recommends that retirees work part-time. Despite the market’s decline, investors like Mark Bendell, 62, of Boca Raton, Florida, are sticking to their retirement timeline. The engineer decided early in 2021 that he would retire before the end of this year. Not that watching the market plunge hasn’t been difficult. “I have a stiff drink about a couple of times a week and then I take a look at my investments,” Bendell said.

EU seeks more legal power over oligarchs

Associated Press

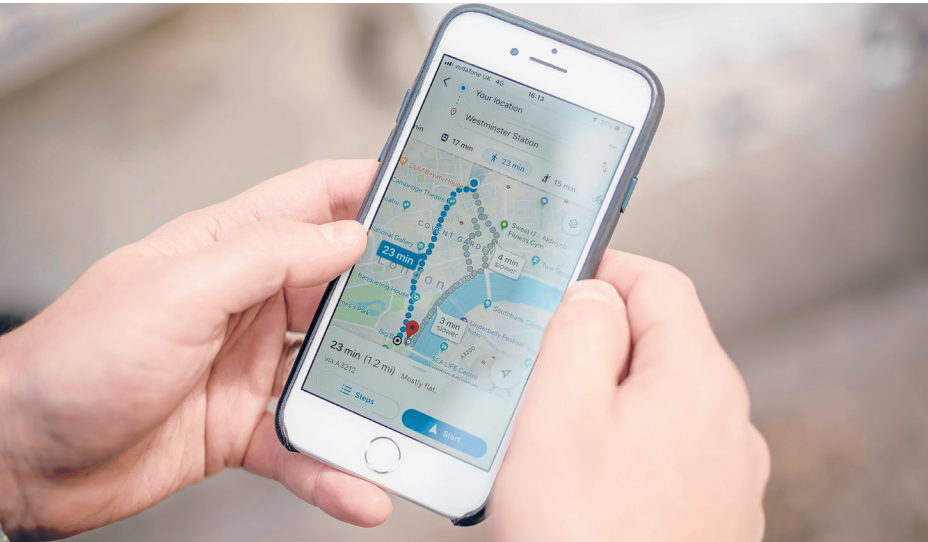
BRUSSELS — The European Union’s executive arm entered sensitive legal territory on Wednesday with a proposal to confiscate the frozen assets of oligarchs who try to violate the bloc’s sanctions over Russia’s war in Ukraine. The European Commission proposed two EU laws that would require the 27 member states to cede a degree of jealously guarded national sovereignty over criminal matters. One piece of draft legislation seeks new European rules on freezing and confiscating the assets of people blacklisted by the EU. The second legislative proposal aims to expand the list of acts deemed to be “EU

crimes” by including breaches of European sanctions. Both initiatives need the approval of EU governments in a scrutiny process that usually takes many months and can even last for years. The bloc’s heads of government are due to discuss options for using the frozen assets of sanctioned Russian oligarchs to support the reconstruction of Ukraine during a two-day summit next week. “There is no time to lose,” Margaritis Schinas, a European Commission vice president in charge of security matters, told reporters in Brussels. “Many times we see assets recovery and confiscation of the small fry, whereas the big sharks find ways to evade.”

While the EU has spent decades crafting common rules on various areas of criminal law, European sanctions against Russian leaders and oligarchs over the past three months have added impetus to calls for a stronger European framework. The EU has imposed asset freezes and travel bans on more than 1,000 people, including over 30 oligarchs, in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24. Almost \$10.7 billion of assets have so far been frozen by EU member countries, according to the European Commission. The draft European law would require each member country to establish at least one “asset recovery office,” make it easier for authorities to freeze assets and regulate how such property is managed.



BUSINESS



Google Maps uses over 200 workers of Cognizant Technology Solutions, which wants them working five days a week at its Bothell, Wash., offices as of June 6. **THE NEW YORK TIMES 2019**

Google contract workers: We can't afford office commutes

By Nico Grant  
The New York Times

Google Maps contract employees who are required to return to their office in Washington state recently circulated a petition to keep working from home since some cannot afford their commutes, presenting another challenge to Google's plan to refill offices and restore campus life.

The issue affects over 200 workers employed by outsourcing firm Cognizant Technology Solutions, which mandated that they work in an office in Bothell five days a week starting June 6. The workers play an essential role updating routes and destinations on Google Maps, a service used by more than 1 billion people a month.

About 60% of the 200 workers signed the petition. They demanded that managers suspend the return-to-office timeline and address employees' financial, health and child care concerns.

"Gas is around \$5 per gallon currently, and many of us in the office are not able to afford to live close

to the office due to our low salaries and the high cost of housing in Bothell," the Cognizant employees wrote. The petition was supported by the Alphabet Workers Union, which has more than 900 members employed by Google's parent company, Alphabet, and its suppliers.

Full-time Google employees with office jobs have been told to come in three days a week. In interviews, the Cognizant employees called for the same flexibility. Starting June 6, they will no longer have access to work systems from home.

The policies highlight disparities between Google's direct employees and contractors. Google is estimated to have well more than 100,000 temporary, vendor and contract workers who spend their time on Google projects but officially work for other companies. Google does not disclose the number.

Cognizant said in a statement that its return-to-office policy depended on the kind of work employees did and the needs of its clients. "The health and safety of our employees remains our top priority, and we

require our employees to be vaccinated to return to our offices in the United States," Jeff DeMarrais, Cognizant's chief communications officer, wrote in an email.

Courtenay Mencini, a spokesperson for Google, said in a statement that the health of its community, including contract workers, was a company priority. Google gave its suppliers in Washington state 90 days' notice for workers to return to the office, and those suppliers decided how to execute that policy, she said.

The contractors in Washington said most of them made between \$16 and \$28 an hour, far less than typical full-time Google employees. Cognizant managers denied their requests for gas cards or other financial offsets. They said they hadn't been offered Google's private bus services — a popular perk in Silicon Valley — to ease their commutes.

The Cognizant employees also said managers had given them 40 days' notice to work in person, not a promised 60-day minimum. That means less time to find child care or move. And they are afraid of contracting COVID-19 in the office.

Yellen's global tax plan meets resistance at home, overseas

By Fatima Hussein  
Associated Press

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen celebrated a "historic day" last summer when more than 100 nations agreed to a global minimum tax deal, aimed at putting the world's countries on a more equal footing in attracting and keeping multinational companies. President Joe Biden tweeted that the idea was "diplomacy reshaping our global economy and delivering for our people."

But last week, as Yellen joined Group of Seven finance ministers for meetings in Germany, she found herself insisting that prospects for moving ahead with the landmark tax plan were merely "not hopeless."

The plan is running up against new resistance abroad and old divisions at home as fresh global concerns take center stage.

The war in Ukraine, the threat of rising food insecurity, crushing inflation and other urgent matters have stolen finance ministers' attention away from putting the plan in place before a 2023 deadline. To add to the pressure, Poland solidified its opposition with a veto at an April European Union finance ministers meeting in Brussels. And Republicans in Congress are balking too.

On Friday, the G-7 finance ministers wrapped up two days of meetings with a joint statement that was most notable for announced pledges of \$19.8 billion in economic aid for Ukraine. It included only brief mention of the tax idea, saying the ministers reiterated a "strong political commitment to the timely and effective implementation" of the plan to bring "new rules into effect at global level."

Broadly speaking, the



Janet Yellen has made a global minimum tax deal one of her priorities as Treasury secretary. **CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY**

global minimum tax deal is designed to subject large multinational firms to a 15% tax rate wherever they operate. The deal also provides for taxing part of the profits of the largest global companies in countries where they do business online but may have no physical presence.

It is supposed to halt an international race to the bottom for corporate taxation that has led multinational businesses to book their profits in countries with low tax rates. This enables them to avoid taxes and encourages countries to slash rates to attract the companies.

The G-7 website calls it "a genuine revolution in international tax law." French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire has called it "the most important international tax agreement in a century."

But Poland is raising new concerns about how the plan would be implemented, and the G-7 meetings did not appear to break the logjam. EU rules require member nation unanimity to change tax-related laws.

Christian Lindner, Germany's finance minister, said at the end of the G-7 minister meetings that "all the technical concerns have been dispelled, so there can be no technical considerations any more, but highly political ones."

A spokesperson for Poland's Finance Ministry cited concerns about the "lowering of the EU's competitiveness and placing of additional burden on European businesses" without ensuring that digital giants are adequately taxed. They added that the concerns were heightened "especially when faced with difficulties of the current post-pandemic times."

Yellen, who has made the tax deal one of her top priorities as Treasury secretary, opened a visit to Europe with a stop in Poland, in part to urge Polish leaders to reconsider their position.

"We're working to try to address their concerns," she told reporters last week. "We would love to see Poland come on board. I think it is not hopeless."

So far, 137 countries representing nearly 95 percent of the world's gross domestic product have agreed on the plan meant to "ensure that corporations fairly share the burden of financing government," she said.

But Yellen also faces headwinds at home from congressional Republicans who have displayed little appetite for having the United States hold up its end of the agreement. They say the plan would make the U.S. less competitive in a global economy.

### MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, May 26, 2022

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▼ **10-YR T-BOND**  
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**10 DAYS**

**Dow Jones Industrials**  
Close: 32,120.28  
Change: 191.66 (0.6%)

**Domestic Indexes**

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DOW Trans.	13,743.97	+165.38	-16.59%
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NYSE Comp.	15,412.19	+121.81	-10.21%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,434.74	+170.29	-26.91%
S&P 500	3,978.73	+37.25	-16.52%
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Wilshire 5000	39,515.28	+480.07	-18.46%
Russell 2000	1,799.16	+34.33	-19.87%

**Commodities**

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<b>FUELS</b>			
Crude Oil (bbl)	110.33	109.77	+46.70%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.97	8.80	+140.51%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.83	3.81	+71.96%
<b>METALS</b>			
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## Dearth of Capitol riot hearings won't get the job done

**By Jonathan Bernstein**  
Bloomberg Opinion

The incredibly shrinking public face of the congressional committee investigating the riot at the U.S. Capitol of Jan. 6, 2021, has apparently ... shrunk again.

Last we heard, the long-delayed public hearings from this committee of the House of Representatives were finally at hand, with eight sessions planned beginning in early June. Yes, that seemed too little, too late. But it was also, we now learn, more than we'll actually get. The new plan? Six hearings, lasting two weeks. The Guardian reports that they'll begin with a prime-time session on June 9, end with another evening event two weeks later, and fit in four daytime hearings in between.

The Senate Watergate committee held 51 public hearings, over six months. Not six public hearings, over two weeks. And that panel began its hearings within a year of the June 1972 arrests at the Democratic

Party headquarters in the Watergate Hotel in Washington, despite the fact that a cover-up succeeded in hiding the enormity of the scandal until January 1973. The Senate created the committee in February of that year, the hearings began in May, and President Richard Nixon resigned on Aug. 8, 1974.

It's not that the Jan. 6 committee has been lazy. By all accounts, it's done a tremendous amount of work. Perhaps that work will, once it's eventually turned over to the Department of Justice, result in important prosecutions. But the public side of the investigation? The committee may just not consider that important. Or maybe it's just bad at it. No matter how dramatic the dozen hours of so of hearings turn out to be, the members are basically abandoning any attempt to build momentum in the way that the Watergate committee did, and that Iran-Contra committee did in 1987.

The Jan. 6 committee did hold a single public hearing soon after it was convened,

way back on July 27, 2021, in which the attack on the Capitol was portrayed through the eyes of the law enforcement officials who attempted to defend against an invading mob bent on overturning President Donald Trump's defeat in the 2020 presidential election.

The hearing made for riveting TV viewing. But it also demonstrated that the impact of a single, well-scripted, polished presentation fades quickly once it's over. The Watergate hearings were such a cultural event in part because of their length. People didn't watch every moment. Many probably didn't watch at all. But because it was so thorough, and just so long, it was impossible to avoid it.

The Watergate hearings also worked as TV in part because they weren't polished, and didn't appear to be scripted. Witnesses were generally interviewed in private before the public sessions, and the committee certainly cared about the public case it was making, but the actual sessions

consisted of lawyers and senators asking questions of witnesses, rather than (as is expected in June) presentations by the committee carefully designed to tell a specific story.

Perhaps it will work! But I'm not sure exactly which audience the committee is targeting and whether a carefully controlled presentation is the best option for holding the attention of the media and of those opinion leaders who are open to being convinced that the events of Jan. 6 are important. Because they, more than anyone else, are the main audience.

The good news for the committee is that this audience, even after the long delay, is probably willing to pay attention. But it just doesn't seem, despite mountains of evidence of truly important malfeasance, that the committee has much to give them. I hope I'm wrong.

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## Bipartisanship on Ukraine in action



**Jonah Goldberg**

During the 2020 campaign, Joe Biden was outspoken in his desire to "revive the spirit of bipartisanship in this country."

On May 15, Politico reported that, at the urging of many advisers, Biden had mostly given up on working with the GOP, which he purportedly now "views as an existential threat to the nation's democracy."

Four days later, Biden enjoyed the biggest bipartisan victory of his presidency. Talk about timing.

The historic \$40 billion aid package for Ukraine was, as Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell predicted, "a big bipartisan landslide." Just shy of 80% of Republican senators voted for it.

Biden did "applaud the Congress for sending a clear bipartisan message to the world" in a written statement as he left for Asia. But he hasn't boasted about delivering on his promise of bipartisanship.

Meanwhile, other leading Democrats think the real story are the Republicans who voted against the Ukraine package. "It is beyond troubling to see a growing circle of Senate Republicans proudly oppose Ukrainian funding," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said last week. "It appears more and more MAGA Republicans are on the same soft-on-Putin playbook that we saw used by former President [Donald] Trump."

Schumer has a point — the share of Republicans opposing Biden's requests for support has grown; only three House Republicans objected to Biden's initial statement of support for Ukraine in March.

But Schumer's focus on the rump group that lost the vote illustrates why few in either party want to tout their bipartisanship. There's very little incentive, particularly heading into the midterms, to brag about working with the enemy. The base just doesn't want to hear it.

This has been a dynamic in Washington for a long time. When members of Congress work on a bipartisan basis, they like to do it as under the radar as possible, to avoid seeming like sellouts to the parties' respective bases that see any compromise or collegiality as cowardly surrender.

Some call this the "secret" or "shadow" Congress. In an era of hyperpartisanship, if you want to get something done, the best thing you can do is not make a big deal about it. It's a zero-sum calculation — if one party can declare a victory, the other party sees it as a loss. That's both why Biden rarely boasts of the "bipartisan" in his "Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill" win (officially the Infrastructure Investment



Ukrainian soldiers receive Javelin missiles from the U.S. on Feb. 11 in Kyiv. Russia invaded Ukraine 13 days later. **SERGEI SUPINSKY/GETTY-AFP**

and Jobs Act) and why the Republicans who voted for it have been treated like traitors by the base.

"All Republicans who voted for Democratic longevity should be ashamed of themselves!" Trump declared in November. That Trump desperately wanted an infrastructure bill when he was president shows how partisanship is a bigger priority than policy.

Still, in such a climate, one might wonder, why did Republicans overwhelmingly support the Ukrainian aid package? The most important, and obvious, reason is that it was necessary on the merits. A second reason is that a huge majority of Americans — including Republicans — support helping Ukraine any way possible short of sending troops. Republican approval of Biden's handling of Ukraine is low, but that probably reflects Republican

disapproval of Biden generally. Indeed, Republicans have often been more likely to say Biden has been too weak on Ukraine.

There's a third answer that doesn't fit a popular narrative among Democrats and many in the media.

Despite decades of handwringing to the contrary, the GOP is not an isolationist party, a fact Trump often learned to his consternation in the White House as he was forced to sign Russian sanctions and intervene militarily in the Middle East.

Even among the opponents of helping Ukraine, most argue that the U.S. should focus on confronting China instead, hardly an isolationist argument. Others hide behind newly discovered concerns about fiscal or procedural propriety. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., a leading noninterventionist, claimed that he merely wanted an inspector general to oversee the spending of the

aid money.

It's true that there is a loud noninterventionist or "realist" bloc on the right, increasingly — and surprisingly — led by the Heritage Foundation and unsurprisingly by various instruments of the Koch network. But such efforts are hardly new, even if they are often treated that way.

Indeed, one might ask, why are Democrats so supportive of Biden's effort? The most important answer to that question is the same for Democrats, too: It's necessary and popular. But the fact that Biden is president is probably a big part of it as well.

After all, when Vladimir Putin seized Crimea, Democrats rallied to President Barack Obama's fairly tepid response. Partisanship works wonders.

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## How can Dems survive midterms? More mending, less reinventing

**By Clive Crook**  
Bloomberg Opinion

Democrats have presumably noticed that their prospects in November's elections aren't good — but you wouldn't know it from the way they're talking to voters. President Joe Biden and his allies proceed as though everything's under control. Goals and messaging are much as before, and protests from the middle of the electorate are deflected or ignored.

But there is a difference between being resigned to defeat and inviting it. Could Democrats improve their chances, if they decided to try? Maybe, but only if the administration scales back its policy ambitions and aligns them more closely with what it can plausibly achieve.

This gap has been the Biden presidency's defining characteristic. Its constant theme has been the need for transformation. Every aspect of economic and social policy, according to the administration, demands radical change. Wherever you look, there's an existential crisis. Global warming. Systemic racism. Massive inequality. Workers trampled. Consumers gouged. Capitalism run riot. And all these ills are of a piece. Steady incremental improvement won't work. The U.S. is so badly broken it has to be rebuilt.

Median voters are a timid sort. Even if

they agree that a lot of things need attention, they're suspicious of revolution. They'd rather see the country mended than reinvented — and this is where a lot of Democratic messaging goes off the rails. Oddly enough, most voters don't like being told that they are enabling white supremacy. Others feel that the rise in urban crime demands some kind of policy response. People can be pretty unenlightened on such issues.

Even if the cautious middle of the electorate hungered for social transformation, it would need to trust the administration's ability to deliver. Biden and his team inspire no such confidence.

Instead of recognizing that its sprawling plans lack support in Congress and adjusting its proposals accordingly, the administration keeps pressing — infuriating progressives and moderates alike. Its management of the pandemic and its consequences has been erratic.

At the moment, voters are most concerned about inflation, which the administration made worse with the excessive spending in the American Rescue Plan; it then denied the scale of the problem and shifted the blame. The gaffes keep coming. (A Disinformation Governance Board lodged in the Department of Homeland Security?) Most important, to put it politely, the president is a less-than-con-

vincing chief executive.

All this demands a recalibration of ends and means. Dare to think small. Discrete, simple and straightforward initiatives — advancing the administration's larger purpose, capable of commanding sufficient support in Congress, and easily explicable to skeptical voters — should be Biden's priority.

For example, instead of persisting with all-encompassing tax-and-spending packages that voters don't understand (and wouldn't trust the administration to execute if they did), it would be better to combine a narrowly targeted tax increase on the wealthiest households with a similarly targeted increase in spending on the poor. Make it revenue neutral to allay concerns about its effect on the budget deficit and/or inflation. Design it with Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who knows some swing voters, and one or two Republican senators who might be willing to go along. Tell frustrated progressives that a policy addressing income inequality and helping the poor is worth supporting even if it appeals to moderates.

Here's one possibility. The single most egregious loophole in the tax code is so-called stepped-up basis for assets at death. This means inheritors acquire the assets at their current market value, erasing years of capital gains for tax purposes

— an enormous benefit for the richest families. Once or twice the administration has proposed abolishing this treatment, and the idea is included among a blizzard of other tax proposals in its recent dead-on-arrival budget.

Use the proceeds from that reform, maybe in tandem with a higher tax rate for households with very high incomes, exclusively to pay for a reformed and expanded Earned Income Tax Credit, and/or a fully refundable Child Tax Credit. That way, a substantial and entirely justified increase in taxes on the rich would be spent directly on cutting poverty and widening opportunity, instead of vanishing into the boundless cost of a whole new America.

Many Democrats might think: how disappointing. This is precisely why their party is in such trouble. A measure like this would be good policy. No less important, it would be smart politics. It might well command enough support in Congress to pass. But if it didn't, the idea would be simple and compact enough for voters to grasp and endorse, letting Democrats use its defeat as a weapon against Republicans. Assuming, as I say, that the president and his party actually want to limit their losses in November.

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The Department of Housing will conduct a VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING on Monday, June 13, 2022 beginning at 1:00 PM and ending when all attendees have had an opportunity to provide input and comment. Housing authorities, municipalities, non-profits, advocates and the general public are invited to attend this public meeting and provide input/comment on the Draft State of Connecticut 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development. If you or your organization is interested in participating in the VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING, please send an e-mail to [CT.HOUSING.PLANS@ct.gov](mailto:CT.HOUSING.PLANS@ct.gov) with "Virtual Public Meeting - 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan" in the "Subject" line. An E-mail link will be sent to all registered participants using the Microsoft TEAMS application.  
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OBITUARIES

Di Nallo, Anthony A.



Anthony A. "Tony" Di Nallo, 84, of Wethersfield, beloved husband of Ann (Colagiovanni) Di Nallo for 61 years, peacefully passed away at his home on Sunday, May 22, 2022, surrounded by his family. Tony was born on October 14, 1937 in Baranello, Province of Campobasso, Italy. He was the oldest of four children to the late Luigi and Rosa (Niro) Di Nallo.

As a child, Tony was very bright and very studious. At age 10, he studied under the Salesiani Order in Rome, Italy. After boarding school, he came back to Campobasso to attend the "Liceo Classico Mario Pagani". During those years of schooling, Tony met Ann and she became his future wife. He continued his education at the University of Naples in Italy. He graduated Summa Cum Laude earning his Juris Doctorate Degree and he received his law degree in 1961. Before he took the bar exam, he married Ann on April 16, 1961 in Italy. She returned to the United States and Tony remained in Italy for his bar exam. He joined his bride in the United States afterwards. In 1962, Tony enlisted into the National Guard along with his brothers-in-law, Victor and Mario. All three of them were together at Fort Dix for basic training during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Tony was assigned administrative duties as a typist. During their time at Fort Dix, Tony's wife, mother-in-law and sister-in-law Elaine would periodically drive from Connecticut to New Jersey to deliver homemade pasta and lasagna to them. The three of them served together until 1967 in which every summer for two weeks they attended Fort Drum in Northern New York. Tony and Mario were fortunate to attend the 1967 World Fair held in Canada.

Tony and Ann initially lived in Hartford but then moved to Newington, where they started their family and lived for 47 years prior to moving to Wethersfield 10 years ago. Tony began working for the State of Connecticut and he had a successful career for over 30 years obtaining the position of Director, Bureau Child Support. He retired in 1997. Tony loved playing with his two children outdoors and teaching them how to ice skate, sled ride and drive a car. Tony became a loving grandfather of five grandchildren that called him Papa. Tony and Ann enjoyed taking cruises during the winter months and cherished the family visits every summer at their beach house. The grandchildren looked forward to their Papa digging the best holes and castles on the beach for them to play in. The highlight was the sound of the ice cream truck where Papa would buy them an ice-cream treat. In addition, he was a gifted pianist who played often for the children, grandchildren and parties among his friends and colleagues at work.

Along with his broken-hearted wife Ann, Tony will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his loving family. A son, Anthony G. Di Nallo of Wethersfield and a daughter and son-in-law, Rosanna and Dr. David Todd of Lakewood, NY; five grandchildren, Anthony C. Di Nallo of Wethersfield and John, Anna, Melissa and Clara Todd of Lakewood, NY. He also leaves a brother and sister-in-law, Biagino and Germana Di Nallo of Chicago, IL; two sisters and brother-in-law, Marianna Iannetta of Baranello, Italy and Gilda and Umberto Niro of Naples, FL; two sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia Colagiovanni of Wethersfield and Elaine and Mario Colagiovanni of East Falmouth, MA. In addition, he will be missed by many nieces, nephews and dear friends, both here and in Italy. In addition to his parents, Tony was predeceased by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Giovannantonio and Teresa (Iannetta) Colagiovanni; three brothers-in-law, Domenico Iannetta, Victor Colagiovanni and Giorgio Colagiovanni; sister-in-law Isabella Colagiovanni; a nephew, John Iannetta and a niece Sherri Colagiovanni Scudder, who were both taken from this life too soon.

Friends and relatives may pay their respects to the Di Nallo family on Friday May 27th from 5-7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 28th at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield (attendees are asked to go directly to the church). Entombment will follow the Mass in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. To extend online expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com).



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Ogden, John F



IN LOVING MEMORY  
John Franklin Ogden

John Franklin Ogden, 85 passed away on May 23rd, 2022 at his home in Myrtle, MO. John was born in Hartford, CT April 13th, 1937 to Quentin and Alice Ogden who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by 3 siblings Quentin, Donnie, and Alice. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Karen. Brother Robert Ogden (Marion). Eight children; William, Alice, Anne, Anita, John Jr. Daniel, Donald , and Jonathan. 29 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 1 great- great-grandchild called him "Poppy". John was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and member of the Myrtle Freewill Baptist Church. A proud veteran of his 32 years of military service in the United States Marine Corps where he retired at the rank of Major. He was a beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather who will be missed.

Services to be held at 1:00pm Friday May 27th at the Myrtle Freewill Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MO. Military honors to follow.

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Carpenter, Jr., David E.



AGAWAM – David E. Carpenter, Jr., 81, devoted husband of 54 years to the late Billie Ann (Brewer) Carpenter, passed away peacefully May 21, 2022. Born July 9, 1940 in Springfield, MA, he was the son of the late David E. Carpenter, Sr. and Polly (Morison) Carpenter. David attended Springfield Technical High School, and worked at Hertz, and at the Springfield Armory. He served our country proudly with the US Army from 1963-1965, stationed at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (He credited any marksmanship awards with being familiar with the guns, as he had assembled them at the Armory.) He was later employed with Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks for many years, retiring from there as a computer analyst. David was a member of Old First Church in Springfield, MA until it closed in 2007, serving as a deacon, and on several search committees. David loved spending time on the water, especially fishing and boating. He was a proud member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary for almost 45 years. On Zip Code One, a Coast Guard facility, Dave spent hundreds of hours patrolling Long Island Sound and training Auxiliary members. Also active in other Auxiliary programs, one of Dave's favorites was representing the Coast Guard at sport and boating shows in Connecticut where he was a big hit with the kids. He was a Connecticut DEP (now DEEP) Boating Safety Instructor for years, teaching hundreds of people over the years how to be safe and keep others safe on the water.

He and his wife were active with the Agawam High School Band Parents, helping out at everything from band practice to any and all events and trips – Dave's familiar maroon pickup truck always available to haul gear. They were also active in AFS (American Field Service) international student exchange program, hosting exchange students, Heidrun from Germany, Martin from Sweden and Erika from Mexico. Dave ran the Big E parking lot fundraiser for AFS for years and had a whole system for getting in as many cars in as possible!

Dave most looked forward to vacationing at Hawk's Nest Beach in Old Lyme, CT every year - the beach he had been going to since he was two months old. Around January he would start asking, 'Is it time for the Beach yet'?

David leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Brian Lee of New Britain, CT; and several far-flung loving cousins and friends. There will be a gathering of family and friends on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 12:30-1:30PM at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam, MA. A committal service with military honors will follow at 2PM in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Memorial contributions may be made in David's name to the Coast Guard Foundation <https://coastguardfoundation.salsalabs.org/donate/> 394 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT 06378 860-535-0786

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Pitney, William Joseph



William "Bill" Joseph Pitney, 94, of East Granby, beloved husband for 65 years of Marie (Angello) Pitney, passed away on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Born in Broad Brook on October 29, 1927, son of the late Louis and Gertrude (Stein) Pitney, he was raised in Broad Brook and was a graduate of Ellsworth Memorial High School. After graduation, Bill enlisted in the US Army and served during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1948. When he returned home, he enrolled at Bentley University where he studied Accounting. Bill spent most of his career at P/A Industries in Bloomfield until his retirement as a vice president after 40 years of service. Bill's avocation was as a musician. He was a founding member of the Hartford Bavarians where he was the drummer and the band's front man popularly known as "Hans". A resident of East Granby for over 60 years, Bill was an active member of the East Granby Veterans and took pleasure in serving in many roles in the community. He was a member of the Granby Jaycees and served as Santa Claus during the holiday season for over 60 years, he was a member and past president of the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce and served as treasurer of many community groups and organizations including, the East Granby Public Library, Metacomet Homes, Inc., and the Boy Scouts of America. A devout Catholic throughout his life, Bill was a long-time parishioner of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Tariffville, where he served on the Parish Council and as a Eucharistic Minister. More recently, he was a communicant of St. Therese Parish in Granby and for the last 25 years he had volunteered for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Enfield. Bill and his wife Marie were recognized for their service to the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2017, when they received the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation. Besides his wife, he leaves three children, Lynne Pitney Goss and her husband Dennis of Somers, Robert W. Pitney and his wife Kathryn of South Windsor, and Carl T. Pitney of Tariffville; six grandchildren, Christine Goss of Somers, William H. Pitney of East Granby, Sean Pitney of East Granby, Gregory Rabus and his wife Jennifer of Canada, Matthew Rabus of Ellington, and Patrick Rabus of Colorado; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Maloy of Suffern, NY; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by four brothers, Louis, Kenneth, Thomas, and James Pitney. His family will receive friends on Friday, May 27, 5-8 p.m., at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook St., Granby. Family and friends may gather on Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m., at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 11 a.m., at St. Therese Parish, 120 West Granby Rd. (Route 20), Granby. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Bernard Cemetery in the Tariffville section of Simsbury. Memorial donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082 or to a charity of the donor's choice. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Zembrowski, Florita S.

Florita S. Zembrowski, age 67, wife of John Zembrowski of East Hartford, CT, entered eternal rest on Friday, May 20, 2022 with the love of her family and friends by her side. Florita's love will be missed by so many people whose lives she touched, but most of all, by her family and friends. Newkirk and Whitney Funeral Home 318 Burnside Ave. East Hartford, CT. 06108 are assisting the family. Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.NewkirkandWhitney.com](http://www.NewkirkandWhitney.com) for the Zembrowski family. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Florita's memory may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT. 06082.

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Mazur, Jacquelyn



She spent weekends every summer in Sandisfield, Massachusetts with her husband and children, where they were building a home, having campfires, and making great memories. The last decade of her life she lived in Maine with her daughter and son-in-law. She loved being outside in the sun. When she wasn't walking on the shore, she was in her garden surrounded by flowers. Whether she was knitting, crocheting, or sending out greeting cards, she always tried to make others smile. She leaves behind her son, Martin Mazur of South Windsor, daughter Colleen Ober and son-in-law Lee Ober of Sorrento Maine. She also leaves behind two granddaughters, Aubrie and Kaitlyn, and many friends, family and neighbors. A service will be held in the near future when it is safer to do so.

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Mazotas, Frances Mary



Frances Mary Mazotas, 72, passed away on May 20, 2022. Born on October 10, 1949, to the late Edward C. and Helen B. (Bart) Mazotas, she spent most of her life in Harford, CT before retiring to Nantucket, MA. Frances graduated from Hartford High School, attended Morse School of Business, and worked in the tax inheritance department for the State of Connecticut for over 30 years. As a devout member of Holy Trinity Church in Hartford, she was active with the Lithuanian Choir, a member of the Blessed Mother Sodality, and the Lithuanian-American Roman Catholic Women's Alliance Chapter 17. Her love of music extended to both singing and enjoying performances that celebrated her Lithuanian roots.

When she retired, the State of Connecticut named, November 30, 2001 "Frances Mazotas Day." In Nantucket, initially residing with her brother and sister, Frances became a resident at the Fairgrounds House. She spent her time singing and playing music on her piano, attending plays, trips to historical sites, relaxing at the beach, and swinging on her swing. Frances volunteered at the library. At St. Mary, Our Lady of the Isle Catholic Church, she attended services and sang in the choir. She took yoga classes at the Salt Marsh Senior Center. She loved playing bingo as often as she could. Frances spent her last year residing at Our Island Home SNF where she continued to enjoy the views of Nantucket from her swing along with the occasional bike ride with the Nantucket Wheelers. Daisies, known for their sweet simplicity and genuine beauty, were her favorite flower. Frances died peacefully with her siblings at her side. She was known as a very gentle and sweet soul by everyone. She is missed dearly.

Frances is survived by her brothers, Anthony C. Mazotas of Nantucket, MA, Leo P. Mazotas and wife Kim of Marlborough CT, Benedict P. Mazotas and wife Ann of Shelton, CT, and her sister Barbara A. Mazotas of Waltham, MA, along with several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is planned for 10:00 am on September 24, 2022, at Holy Trinity Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church in Hartford, CT, followed by interment at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Nantucket Wheelers Fund: <https://cfnan.org/giving/give-now/named-funds/nantucket-wheelers-fund/>

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Olisky, Helen (Papushek)



Helen Papushek Olisky passed on May 23, 2022, at age 97, with her family surrounding her with love. Helen, the daughter of Joseph and Nellie (Bak) Papushek, was born in Hartford and graduated from Hartford Public High School. Employed by the Hartford Board of Education, her secretarial skills helped the elementary school principals and inner-city children for many years. She met her loving husband, Edward Olisky, and moved to Windsor Locks where she lived most of her life. She made friends at church, the Junior Women's Club, Knights of Columbus, and American Legion. She enjoyed playing bridge, set-back, and bowling. Helen did not go anywhere without her "bowling angel" pinned to her clothes. Her summer vacations at the beach always included playing cards with the grandchildren (always winning the \$1.00 bets) and watching Red Sox baseball. As an avid fan of UCONN Women's Basketball, she traveled to many states to see them play. She volunteered at the Bushnell and looked forward to seeing all the Broadway Productions. Most importantly, she incorporated her prayers and meditation into her daily life, studied the bible, and had a strong faith and devotion to God. Helen leaves her caring daughter, Deborah Olisky and fiancé, Joseph Fowler of West Hartford; grandchildren, Kristen Feld and husband Brad of West Hartford; Daniel Allegue and fiancée Ashley Sormanti of Enfield; Michael Allegue and wife Lexi of Middlebury; Alexander Loughhead of Michigan and Nicholas Loughhead of New York. She leaves two adored great-grandchildren, Zack and Wynnie Feld and many nieces, nephews, cousins and long time friends in Windsor Locks and new friends in West Hartford. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Olisky; a daughter, Teri Anne Loughhead; and her brother and sister-in-law, Metty and Eileen Papushek. Her family will receive friends at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 411 Spring Street, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 27. There will be a mass celebrating her life at 10:00 a.m. at Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 52 South Elm Street, Windsor Locks followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the church that she loved, Mary Gate of Heaven Parish, 42 Spring Street Windsor Locks, CT 06096. To leave online condolences please visit [www.windsorlocksfuneral-home.com](http://www.windsorlocksfuneral-home.com)

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Banach, Lise (Brunelle)



Lise Brunelle Banach, 65, of Suffield, CT passed comfortably in her home on May 24, 2022 surrounded by her children and her husband. Lise was born on August 16, 1956 to Albert Brunelle (2022) and Lina (Gosselin) Brunelle (2016) in Hartford, CT. She was the oldest of 4 children. Lise was raised in a large family that valued hospitality, generosity, faith, and helping others—values she emulated throughout her life. Lise graduated from South Catholic High School (1974) and earned a degree in nursing from Saint Francis School of Nursing (1977). In 1979, she married the love of her life, Stephen. They settled in Newington, CT where they raised their three children. Lise worked as a pediatric nurse at Hartford Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center, retiring after 42 years. Throughout her life and career, Lise always cared for others. She was a gifted quilter, an accomplished piano player, and skilled in the kitchen. Lise gifted her quilts to family and friends to celebrate milestone occasions, which was a testament to her deep generosity and kindness. Her home was a welcoming and warm gathering place for holidays and family celebrations. She was famous for her chocolate chip cookies. Lise cherished time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was a kind and nurturing mother and grandmother. Lise and her family made countless, fond memories in Charlestown, RI, Eastham, Cape Cod, and Bar Harbor, ME. Her children remember mom's detours to antique shops and quilt stores (where they weren't allowed to use their hands.) Lise was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2019—a disease that she faced with grace, dignity and unwavering faith. In the face of adversity, she chose to respond with perseverance in her mind and love in her heart. We will miss the sound of her laughter and the comfort of her beautiful smile. Lise was truly a beautiful person because of how she lived and loved. Lise will be forever missed by her husband Stephen Banach of Suffield, CT; her children, Christian Banach and wife Kristin of Annandale, VA, Timothy Banach and wife Erika of White Plains, NY and Mary Parlante and husband Kyle of Suffield, CT; her beloved grand children, Peter, Daniel, Elise, Benjamin, Theodore, Miles, Simon and Leo; her siblings, Rolande Brunelle of Wethersfield, CT, Marc Brunelle and wife Laura of East Granby, CT and Jeanne Charbonneau and husband James of Berlin, CT; her sibling-in-laws, Anthony and Lynne Banach of Newington, CT, Mary Banach of Dedham, MA, Margaret Banach of Springfield, VA, Edward and Michelle Banach of Thomaston, CT, Chris and Marge Banach of Newington, CT and Ellen (2019) and John Sultana of Mansfield, MA; and her many nieces and nephews. She wished to remember the faithful friendship and love shown by Karen Yanik of Simsbury, CT, Ellen Crowley of Newington, CT and Mary Claffey of Newington, CT. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 9:00am at The Heritage Funeral Home and the Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00AM in Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling Hours will be on Friday, May 27 from 5:00-8:00 pm. For online condolences please visit [www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com](http://www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com).

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Hrenko, Christopher A.



Christopher Albert Hrenko of Berlin, Connecticut passed away in the presence of his family at the Uconn Medical Health Center on the evening of Thursday, May 19. Chris is survived by his wife Lisa (Grieco) Hrenko, daughter Olivia, grandmother Carol Dauphin, father James, and siblings Anthony, Jonathan, Mary, and Amy.

Chris found peace in the outdoors and spent much of his time hunting, fishing and camping with family and friends. His summers growing up were highlighted during the weeks he spent camping in Arlington, VT on the Battenkill River. His favorite activities included: fly fishing, river tubing and canoeing. Another annual tradition was attending the opening of trout season on the Farmington River with his close friends and fellow fishermen. Chris was famous for his dramatic responses when he missed a fish that hit his line. Cooking and music were among Chris' other passions. He loved grilling in the backyard, and jamming out to the Grateful Dead in his uniform of a tie-dye shirt with the sleeves torn off. Chris had a contagious free spirit. Spending time with him was a sure bet to having a good time.

If you asked him what his greatest accomplishment was, his answer would be: being a father. His greatest love was his daughter, Olivia. He has gifted his talent for art and passion for music to her. Join us in celebrating his life at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin, 111 Chamberlain Hwy, on the evening of Wednesday, June 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Chris' family will be wearing tie-dye at the event. Visitors are invited to join them in honoring him this way.

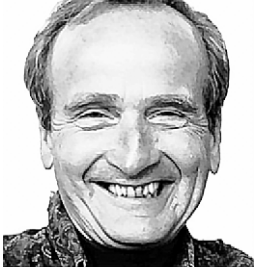
In lieu of flowers, his family invites you to make a donation in Christopher's memory to the Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited Organization's conservation efforts at [www.fvtu.org/donate](http://www.fvtu.org/donate). Please share a memory of Chris with the family in the online guestbook at [www.ericksonhansenberlin.com](http://www.ericksonhansenberlin.com)

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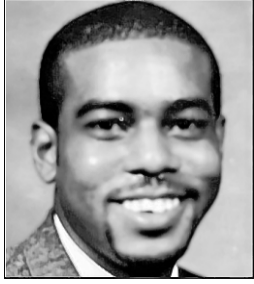
Jacobson, Kenneth A



Kenneth A. Jacobson, 84, of Simsbury, beloved husband of Ruth Lettick Jacobson passed away on April 19, 2022. Ken was born on June 4, 1937 to the late Dr. Leo and Miriam Jacobson of Chicago, IL. Relocating to Indiana, Ken graduated from LaPorte High School. After achieving His Bachelors degree from Northwestern University, he graduated with a JD from the University of Michigan Law School. He moved to Connecticut where he enjoyed a successful and satisfying career in Aetna Life and Casualty Law Department concentrating in Property Casualty. One of Ken's great loves, besides his family and friends included his love of music. He played in his high school and college marching and jazz bands, orchestras, and totally fell in love with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. When moving to Connecticut he became a board member of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, at one point proudly serving as interim CEO. He was member of Bruckner Society of America, CONCORA, and CT Chamber Music Society. Ken wrote expansive reviews of new classical music recordings for Hartford Courant. In 1980's and 90's, he hosted "What's New" on CT Public Radio, inviting Coleman Casey and the late Warren Francis to compare and contrast classical recordings. He was recipient of the Town of Simsbury Hometown Hero Award for his extensive teamwork creating and nurturing the Talcott Mountain Music Festival. A passionate hiker, Ken lent his energies to "Keep the Woods," working to preserve more than 400 acres of Simsbury hiking and riding trails. Above all, Ken was a "rabid" Chicago Cubs fan as well as a faithful fan of Uconn Women basketball. Ken is remembered as the most loving, gentle, caring and considerate husband, father, grandfather and friend. Predeceased by his son, Fritz, Ken is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Lettick Jacobson, daughters Katherine (Alejandro) Soto, Karen Jacobson and Dawn (John) Oldham, by William Lettick (Mary Jane Jennings) and Matthew Lettick (Karen Parent). "Papa" to his five cherished grandchildren; Analicia Soto, Alejandro "Alex" Soto (Meredith), Jacob and Ryan Oldham and Madeline Mae Lettick, loving cousins, countless friends and colleagues. His life has been a gift to everyone who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hartford Symphony Orchestra, CT Foodshare and Farmington Valley VNA. There will be a loving tribute to Ken at the June 11, 2022 Hartford Symphony Orchestra concert. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

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Foote, Timothy P



Timothy Phillip Foote, 55, of Hartford CT peacefully passed away on May 11, 2022. He is predeceased by his father Wade F. Foote Jr. and oldest brother Wade F. Foote the 3rd. He attended Weaver High School. He enjoyed music, fishing, and cooking for his loved ones. He especially loved barbequing. He was a

warm spirit to be around. He was kind, caring and very giving. He was well loved throughout his community.

He leaves his mother, Inez Foote of Hartford, his sons Timothy Foote Jr of Norwich and Jonathan Foote of New Britain. His nephew of the late Wade Foote 3rd, Wade Foote the 4th of Los Angeles CA. He also leaves his sister and her husband, Julie and Samuel Peters of East Hartford and her children Adrienne Peters of Hartford and Jilliane Peters of New Britain. He also leaves his brother and his wife David and Michelle Foote of Bloomfield and their children David and Kiara Foote of Orlando FL and his brother Steven Foote of Bloomfield.

Timothy leaves a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and neighborhood friends residing throughout Hartford County.

Memorial Services will be held June 2nd from 1pm to 3pm at the VFW Post 4740, 276 Broad St, Windsor CT, 06095.

Donations will be accepted in lieu of flowers to Inez Foote.

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Klein, Donald



Donald Klein, age 66, passed away unexpectedly on May 18, 2022. He was the son of the late Naomi and Morris Klein. He leaves his brother Robert Klein and wife Karen, of Cromwell, CT and his 3 nieces Joanna Krueger, Stephanie Goldman and Laura Klein. He grew up in West Hartford, but spent most of his adult life in New York City.

He had a long career in retail sales and management at Nautica, Searle and St. John's. Preferring sales, he was one of only a few to achieve 1 million dollars in sales in a single year. His special time in Connecticut was at the family beach house at Old Saybrook. He also maintained many lifelong friendships including Carol Berg, Shelley Cohen Horner and Nancy Panitch Flaggman whose family he travelled with often. After a stroke at age 59, he worked hard at rehabilitation. His first therapists at a facility in Westchester continued to reach out and check his progress, even when he relocated to Connecticut 5 years ago to be closer to family. The family wishes to thank the staff at Jerome Home in New Britain, who treated Don with dignity and kindness during his long stay there. Funeral arrangements were provided by Hebrew Funeral Association.

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Williams, Harrie L



Bishop Harrie L. Williams was born January 19, 1942 in Quincy, FL. He departed this life on Saturday May 21, 2022 in Dover, Delaware. He moved and lived in the Hartford, Connecticut for over 50 years before moving to Dover, DE. Harrie answered his spiritual calling entering the ministry in 1981 at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Hartford

Connecticut. Harrie through his visionary and spiritual guidance of God, in 1996 founded and pastored the first African-American Church, in Manchester, CT. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

In 2004, Bishop Williams was consecrated to the Office of Bishop, by the United Assemblies Church. He continued to serve and preach the word of God as a member of John Wesley United Church once retiring in Dover, DE. Bishop Williams preached his last sermon on Palm Sunday, entitled "Keep it Simple."

He leaves fond memories of his life with his wife of 59 years, Elder Sara (Smith) Williams; three children, Rev. Gregory (Michelle) Williams of Columbia, SC., Rev. Linda D. Moore of Pittsburgh, PA, Minister Harriet (Derrick) Glover of Hartly, DE.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sister, Eunice (General) Smith; brothers, Ira (Valides) Williams, Roy (Evelyn) Williams, Larry Williams, Defonza Williams; a host of aunt, nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 pm, Friday, May 27, 2022 at John Wesley United Church, Inc, 840 Milford Neck Road, Milford, Delaware.

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Fredette, Jr., Peter



Peter Fredette, Jr., 51, of Danielson, CT passed away on May 22, 2022. He was born in 1970 in Pittsfield, MA. Peter was an avid participant in many Special Olympics sports. He especially treasured his countless medals in bowling, swimming, and soccer. He loved being the center of attention at the numerous dances he attended

with his friends. Peter loved being with his family and looked forward to his Friday night grinder while watching WWE. He always carried a Word Search book around with him and dreamed of being recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records for most puzzles completed. Peter will be remembered for his hugs, smiles, and outgoing personality.

Peter will be missed by his father and stepmother, Peter Fredette, Sr. and Vickie Brooks of Hudson, NH; his mother and stepfather, Rosanna and Carl Carlson of Marlborough, CT; his sister, Michelle Moon of Mansfield; his brother and sister-in-law, Matthew and Tammy Carlson of Marlborough; his nieces and nephews, Caitlyn, Ashley, Stephanie, Jeremy, Ryan, and Hayley; and many other relatives and friends. Peter will also be missed by his primary caretakers over the years, Sandy and Ronald Jarvis, and Carmen Cruz.

Peter's family will receive friends and family on Saturday, May 28, 2022 between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm with a funeral service beginning at 2:00 pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT. Donations in Peter's memory may be made to Special Olympics CT, 2666 State Street, Suite 1, Hamden, CT 06517.

For an online memorial guestbook, please visit [www.potterfuneralhome.com](http://www.potterfuneralhome.com).

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McBean, John David



In loving memory of my son, John David McBean Jr., affectionately known as "Buggie" to close friends and family. John was born on August 18, 1986 in Hartford CT, he passed away on Wednesday May 26, 2021 in the state of Maine in a car accident. He was the son of John David McBean Sr. and Geraldine James-Myles, and step-son of

Linton Myles.

Buggie leaves behind his beloved and devoted parents and sisters and their families, Yalonda James-Yearwood, Terrence Johnson and their two children, Alexandra McBean, Juan Vazquez and their four children, Step-sister Venisa Myles and her son; his grandmother Geneva Moore James; Aunts: Samantha James, Janet Waden, Stephanie James, Edna McBean, Dorothy Ellis and his uncle George James Sr.; and other family and friends.

Please visit [www.ericksonhansen.com](http://www.ericksonhansen.com) for the full obituary and to leave online guest book messages.

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Nocera, Judith



Judith Maureen (Renca) Nocera, 75, of Cromwell, beloved wife of Edward Nocera for almost 55 years, died Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Middlesex Hospital after a long illness. Judy, daughter of the late Alphonse R. and Frances (Parciak) Renca, was born in Middletown and raised in Portland. Judy was a communicant of Saint John

Church where she volunteered for many events and taught CCD classes for many years. She was very active and would often been seen walking on her daily 4-mile stroll. Judy was also a black belt in karate, earning that degree at the age of 51. Besides her husband, Edward, Judy is survived by her two sons, Robert Nocera of Glastonbury, Jason Nocera and his wife Basia of Plainville; three grandchildren, Isabella Rose, Cassandra Jayne, and Maia Nocera; sister, Carole J. Renca of Chaplin; brother, Robert Renca and his wife Carole of Vermont; and two cherished nephews, Dylan and Devin Renca. A Funeral Liturgy will be held Wednesday, June 1st at 10 a.m. at Saint John Church, 5 St. John's Court, Cromwell. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown on Tuesday May 31st from 5 to 7 p.m. Burial will be held in Cromwell Hillside Cemetery - West in Cromwell, CT. Memorial contribution may be sent to Saint John Church, 5 St. John's Court, Cromwell, CT 06416. To share memories or express condolences online please visit [www.biega-funeralhome.com](http://www.biega-funeralhome.com).

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# Police boost presence at schools statewide

## Safety measures ramped up in wake of Texas massacre

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

Police in Connecticut are increasing their watch over local schools in the wake of a mass shooting at a Texas elementary school where 19 students and two teachers were killed Tuesday. “This assault on the most innocent of our citizens is deeply disturbing and heartbreaking,”

state police commander Col. Stavros Mellekas said Wednesday. “At this time, our focus will be on protecting all school populations here in our state.” “No specific threats have been received,” Mellekas said, “but in the interest of safety, an increased presence of troopers will be felt at Connecticut schools today. The Connecticut State Police has full confidence in our well-trained

state troopers, who are prepared to address any school security issues should they arise.” “In light of the recent school shooting in the state of Texas, the Middletown Police Department will be assigning officers to every school in the district and implementing increased police patrols in the surrounding areas,” city police said. Police said the precautionary

measure is meant to allow students and faculty to feel safe after an 18-year-old gunman killed 19 children and two adults at the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde. A Border Patrol agent killed the attacker, authorities said. It was the deadliest shooting at a U.S. school since a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown in December 2012. Windsor Locks and West Hartford police said they also were boosting police presence in local

schools. “Today marks another horrific day of unbearable sorrow over the loss of those killed in the recent Texas mass school shooting,” Windsor Locks police posted on its Facebook page. “We understand the myriad of emotion, fear, and uncertainty felt by so many.” “At this time, local and state law enforcement are scouring our intel sources and have found no nexus to Connecticut,” the post said.

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South Windsor High School science teacher April Davis, left, and student Anushree Savade pose in the photo booth. STEVE SMITH/COURANT COMMUNITY

# South Windsor observes GURU VANDANA

## Hindu tradition marks appreciation for teachers

By Steve Smith  
Courant Community

SOUTH WINDSOR — The South Windsor chapter of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh recently conducted a Guru Vandana, or teacher appreciation event, program in South Windsor to honor local teachers. The Hindu tradition, it was explained, honors teachers, who are held in high esteem in the Hindu culture. Several teachers from South Windsor Public Schools, as well as other schools in the area, were invited to attend and be honored. The word Guru is derived from “gu,” which means “darkness,” and “ru,” which is “remover,” explained student speaker Tanvi Paranjape. “The guru is a remover of darkness or ignorance, with the light of knowledge. The Guru Vandana is bowing in front of your guru and asking for blessing, knowledge and guidance for

life,” she said. “When a guru, or a teacher, plays an extremely important role in students’ lives. The guru is the creator of knowledge, preserver of good values and destroyer of our negativity.” The program also provided a glimpse into Hindu culture and tradition, and included yoga, dance and musical instrument performances. The teachers in attendance expressed their appreciation about being invited and honored at the event. South Windsor science teacher April Davis said she was honored to be invited by her student, Anushree Savade and enjoyed the event. “I love it. I am very excited to learn more about the culture and my student,” Davis said. Savade said Davis is “one of the best teachers for science that

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# Judge breezes through committee appearance

## Merriam on way to likely US Appeals court confirmation

By Edmund H. Mahony  
Hartford Courant

Newly appointed federal district Judge Sarah A.L. Merriam had no difficulty Wednesday with questions from members of the U.S. Senate judiciary committee on the way to what appears will be an easy confirmation to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Merriam, a former federal public defender and U.S. Magistrate Judge, was confirmed as a U.S. district judge in October. President Joseph P. Biden nominated her a month ago for elevation to the federal



Merriam

appeals court in New York. Her committee appearance started the Senate confirmation process. Even as Merriam appeared at the Senate, the White House was running background checks on two prospective nominees for a third Connecticut seat on the circuit court — one a member of the state Supreme Court and a second a member of the Yale Law School. For years, it had been accepted that Connecticut had two seats on appeals court, which takes cases from Connecticut, Vermont and New York. But U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn, said earlier this year his research shows Connecticut has historically had

three appointments and that New York’s senior U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer agreed to give one up. Blumenthal and fellow Democrat U.S. Sen. Christopher Murphy recommended Merriam to the White House for both the district and circuit judgeships and, in doing so, repeated Biden’s call to diversify the federal judiciary with what the president has called non-traditional judges. Biden has said he incudes federal defenders such as Merriam in his diversity goals. “I thought she did incredibly well,” University of Richmond law professor Carl Tobias, who tracks federal judicial nominations, said of Merriam’s committee appearance.

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# Teens turn to video in campaign vs. vaping

## West Hartford students try to educate youth about safety

By Don Stacom  
Hartford Courant

In the face of widespread teen vaping locally and nationwide, two West Hartford students have produced videos to promote the idea that it’s unsafe and not cool. “No one smokes cigarettes at my age, but I know kids in all the grades who vape,” said Eleanor Farquhar, an eighth grader at Bristol Middle School. Farquhar’s 41-second video was one of two award-winners in the town’s recent Escape The Vape public service announcement competition. “Vaping isn’t cool” was the theme of her video, which can be seen [youtu.be/7KVi-yXqPkVg](https://youtu.be/7KVi-yXqPkVg). At Conard High School, 10th grader Miles Moynihan produced the other award-winner, “What’s in Your Vape?” posted at [youtu.be/IDOJ0Hzmc4s](https://youtu.be/IDOJ0Hzmc4s). Like their counterparts around the country, West Hartford educators and youth advocates have been working to reduce vaping’s widespread popularity

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# Unions eye arbitration to secure pandemic pay

By Keith M. Phaneuf  
CT Mirror

Unionized state employees just received raises topping 4% and will have collected \$3,500 in bonuses by mid-July — but that doesn’t mean all compensation issues are settled. The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition notified its members recently it expects to enter arbitration this summer to secure coronavirus pandemic pay for members in high-risk jobs, unless it reaches a deal beforehand with Gov. Ned Lamont’s administration. Lamont and the legislature set aside \$35 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds — \$20 million this fiscal year and \$15 million starting July 1 — for pandemic pay for state workers. An arbitrator could increase that amount. “Frontline essential state workers sacrificed their health and safety throughout COVID-19 to ensure that the critical public services our 3.6 million Connecticut residents rely on remained accessible,” the coalition wrote in a memo posted to its website. SEBAC represents most unionized state employees excluding state police troopers. “While the state can never fully repay

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among middle school and high school students.

Although there are no reliable recent statistics locally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that vaping by youth remained prevalent in 2021. About 2 million middle and high school students reported they'd used e-cigarettes in 2021, the agency announced in March in its annual National Youth Tobacco Survey.

The state public health department's most recent data indicates about 27% of Connecticut high school students have tried vaping at least once, compared to just 15% who've tried conventional cigarettes.

The agency said more than half of high school students who tried e-cigarettes used the devices for substances other than nicotine, such as marijuana,



West Hartford student Eleanor Farquhar with her family's dog, Remmy. CONTRIBUTED

hash oil or THC. Connecticut's public health advocates warn that mood disorders, addiction, memory and cognitive deficits, and loss of impulse control are among the long-term effects of vaping.

Kelly Waterhouse, a town social worker and liaison to the local Juvenile Review Board, said West Hartford youth are vaping at alarming rates and contributing to school disruptions.

West Hartford, which has sponsored student roundtables and community conferences about the risks of vaping, this winter held a contest to get students producing videos targeted toward other students.

The town's social services department, the West Hartford Prevention Partnership and West Hartford Community Interactive collaborated on the contest. Students who competed

got to attend virtual video training with West Hartford Community Interactive's Executive Director Jennifer Evans, Director/Editor Nild Sansone, West Hartford social worker Kelly Waterhouse and Yale researcher Tricia Dahl, who has worked on research projects about e-cigarettes and adolescent substance abuse.

Moynihan focused his video on the various toxins that can be found in a vape. In a statement, he said "Kids at my own school vape, and I wanted to learn more and send a message about how it affects young people."

Farquhar's video confronts perhaps the most common reason that young people cite when they start vaping: It looks cool.

"Among students who had ever used e-cigarettes, peer use and curiosity were the most cited reasons for first trying e-cigarettes in 2021," the CDC reported this spring. "Vaping isn't cool —

unless you think breathing in deadly chemicals is cool," a narrator's voice says on Farquhar's video as images of weed killer and formaldehyde cross the screen. "Vaping isn't cool unless you think coughing up blood, coronary artery disease or a collapsed lung are cool."

Farquhar, 13, said this week that at her school, the risks of vaping have been in the curriculum since at least sixth grade. She said vaping appears to become more common around eighth grade.

"I see it outside sports games mostly," she said. "People who don't vape are put in an awkward situation — the person who is vaping has the sense they're better because they're doing this thing we're not supposed to do.

"It's the Pandora's Box — they hear 'don't open it' and they want to open it. They think 'I'm cool, I'm better than you,' so if you're not doing it you're put in a

weird situation," she said. "It's hard to speak up."

Farquhar's video points out that research has concluded vaping reduces a pleasure-producing chemical in the brain, so ultimately undercuts the effect that many users are seeking.

"Some kids at my age are having a mental health crisis, they're turning to vaping as a coping mechanism — but it's a wrong coping mechanism," she said. "Vaping lowers dopamine."

The CDC emphasizes that vaping has been linked to depression, and reported this spring that about 65% of all high school students who use any tobacco products are "seriously thinking" about quitting.

"Among students who currently used e-cigarettes, the most cited reasons for use were feelings of anxiety, stress, or depression and the 'high or buzz' associated with nicotine," the CDC reported in its annual survey.

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However, "in the wake of such horrific incidents, it is not uncommon to see an uptick in copycat/disruptive incidents involving schools nationwide," Windsor Locks police said. "Please report all suspicious activity to police. Be vigilant."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the deceased and families that have experienced such heartbreaking loss at the hands of unimaginable evil," police said. "We also stand in solidarity with the emergency personnel who responded to the scene, including the officers and tactical units that ended the threat, and the paramedics and medical personnel who worked valiantly to save lives."

West Hartford police posted on their Facebook page that the department is increasing patrols, while there is no known threat to local schools. The department is "deeply saddened by the events that unfolded today in Texas and as a state we unfortunately know the impact that these tragic events have on an entire community.

"Our hearts are with victims, families, educators, first responders, and greater community of Uvalde, TX #enoughisenough."

A rise in reported threats is expected in the wake of such incidents, state education Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker wrote to school superintendents, asking them to review their security protocols. The

letter also included links to resources on talking to children about such violence.

In a letter to the school community Wednesday, Farmington Superintendent Kathy Greider wrote that police presence at local schools would be increased and also that such senseless violence can have a significant impact on students.

"Our students are often watching and listening to the coverage of these horrific events and we see the impact of these acts of hatred on our students' social emotional well-being," Greider wrote. "As a reminder, please reach out to your school if your child is expressing fear or worry or you see changes in behavior that would signify increased anxiety."

Farmington schools will have counselors and support from social workers and psychologists available for students across all schools "who are experiencing worry or fear due to this unimaginable act of violence," the superintendent wrote.

"In all of our efforts," she wrote, "we want to ensure that each member of our school district community feels safe, connected and cared for each day. We also need all members of our school district community to alert us and/or the law enforcement when they hear or see something concerning."

"We appreciate the Farmington Police Department each day and especially during difficult times," Greider wrote. "They are always here for us and we

are extremely grateful."

Bristol School Superintendent Catherine Carbone wrote in a message to the school community that horrifying events such as the mass shootings in Uvalde and Buffalo affect the mental health of young people.

"As educators," Carbone wrote, "we strive to create intellectually safe learning spaces that support our scholars as they process unsettling events. Our students are watching, listening, and learning. If your child needs any further support, our school psychologists, school counselors, and other social-emotional support staff are here to help."

Carbone assured parents that staff and students regularly practice safety drills and that school security, including personnel and camera systems, have been increased.

"Our staff and administrators are trained to remain vigilant and immediately report any suspicious activities or concerns," Carbone wrote. "I trust that our students will do the same to a trusted adult, teacher, or administrator as well. Collectively, we will work towards keeping our students safe every day."

Simsbury School Superintendent Matt Curtis called the Texas killings "another disturbing reminder that schools in America can become targets of violence.

"Certainly, our sense of grief for the victims of this tragedy and their families is an overwhelming emotion," Curtis wrote to the school community, "but these

episodes also have another jarring effect in that they disrupt the sense of security for everyone who attends, works at or sends a loved one to a school each day."

The district's partnership with local police "is incredibly strong," Curtis wrote, stressing that school safety infrastructure and readiness for any hazards are priorities. Threats of violence are taken seriously, he wrote, and the district has a team trained in a nationally recognized threat protocol.

In New Haven, Mayor Justin Elicker said, the New Haven Police Department is in contact with state and federal intelligence partners, and out of an abundance of caution are increasing the police presence at our schools.

"Last night, I hugged my two kids a little tighter. This morning, I gave them an extra kiss before sending them off to school. There are at least 19 children in Uvalde, Texas whose parents can't hug or kiss them anymore," Elicker said. "We also lost two adults and there are more in the hospital still who are in the fight of their lives.

Elicker asked, "How many more must die in our schools, in our supermarkets and in our streets before the U.S. Congress acts to help address this carnage?"

"Cities and states can only do so much. This is a national crisis and it demands a national response," he said. "Enough is enough."

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"She was calm. She was articulate. She talked about her work as a federal defender, as a magistrate judge and as a federal district judge. She seemed clear about the role of a judge, saying she would apply the law and the facts, apply precedent," Tobias said. "None of the questions from the GOP senators came as a surprise to her. So I would say she is in great shape. I think she will be quickly confirmed."

Merriam's nomination to the appeals court is moving forward with unusual speed as Democrats, who narrowly control the Senate, seek to confirm her before the midterm election contests heat up and they risk losing control of the chamber in November. Observers of the confirmation process predict she will be endorsed by the Judiciary Committee by June and confirmed by July.

Blumenthal, a member of the committee, introduced Merriam, who was a law clerk for former governor and federal appeals court Judge Thomas Meskill and U.S. District Judge Alvin Thompson.

"She's a litigator's litigator," Blumenthal told the committee. "She has shown her dedication to the law, not just to winning in court, but to fairness and justice as a public defender for eight years, as a litiga-

tor in private practice, and then as a judge magistrate. I spent a good deal of my career in federal court. I consider myself a trial lawyer. She's the kind of trial lawyer and judge that I would like to have participating in any matter where I was involved."

Merriam took questions from Utah Republican Mike Lee about the immigration status of litigants in labor standards cases and about rights not specifically enumerated in the Constitution. Some of the committee's toughest questioners were not present during her appearance.

Merriam would replace U.S. Circuit Judge Susan Carney, former deputy general counsel at Yale University, nominated by President Barak Obama and confirmed in 2011. Merriam's elevation opens another seat on the federal district court.

Merriam, who grew up in New Haven, attended Georgetown University as an undergraduate and law school at the University of Connecticut and Yale University. Prior to becoming an assistant federal defender, she served as an associate at the law firm of Cowdery, Ecker & Murphy in Hartford.

She also worked as political director to a state employee union local and managed or helped manage campaigns for two Democratic U.S. senators — Murphy and former U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd.

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frontline essential workers," the statement continues, "the state can certainly take a step to respect these workers. Pandemic pay is that step."

Lamont's administration also has long said the state must acknowledge the risks that public safety, health care, social service and certain other staffers faced, particularly during the first year of the pandemic, when vaccines weren't readily available and personal protective equipment sometimes was in short supply.

"This funding is specifically for our essential state workers who risked their lives on a daily basis," Chris Colibee, the spokesman for Lamont's budget office, said Tuesday. "It is the least we can do."

Neither the administration nor the unions have said exactly how many staffers might receive special pandemic pay, but roughly one-fifth of the workforce held front-line jobs during the pandemic.

Colibee added that "The administration will engage in thoughtful and collaborative negotiations with SEBAC to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement that recognizes our state employees for their efforts throughout the pandemic."

Pandemic pay took a back seat early in the pandemic, as the administration and unions focused on other priorities.

Not long after COVID-19 struck Connecticut hard in March 2020, the two sides first negotiated rules regarding protective gear, testing,

remote work and other safety measures.

By mid-2021, the funding was in place. Congress had committed roughly \$3 billion in ARPA assistance to Connecticut's state government to help fund various recovery measures and had issued the necessary rules and regulations to guide their use.

But Lamont and unions still had one more big issue to resolve before grappling with hazard pay.

The overwhelming bulk of the state's unionized workforce, more than 40,000 employees spread across nearly three dozen bargaining units, had been working under contracts that had expired July 1, 2021.

The administration and unions agreed on a four-year package that includes a yearly, 2.5% general wage hike, an annual step increase that normally adds about 2 percentage points to each raise, and \$3,500 in bonuses paid in two installments between mid-May and mid-July of this year.

The issue fractured the legislature, which ratified the package in late April.

Lamont and his fellow Democrats in the majority said the raises and bonuses were essential to stem a major surge in worker retirements this spring. And with inflation high and state government's budget reserves breaking all records, arbitrators likely would have ordered such increases anyway, they added.

Republicans cited the same 8% inflation, saying it's slamming a private sector that doesn't enjoy compensation close to what state employees were receiving.

And Republicans also noted that Lamont already has said that the raises and bonuses approved this spring were a way of recognizing workers for what they did during the pandemic.

"It's a way of saying job well done," the governor said in early April when he first discussed the four-year wage deal.

"When is enough enough?" asked House Minority Leader Vincent J. Candelora, R-North Branford.

The new \$24.2 billion budget that Lamont and lawmakers approved this spring includes \$30 million for grants for all front-line workers in the private-sector — a significantly larger group than those in state government.

Republicans noted the raises and bonuses that roughly 46,000 state workers will share is almost two-thirds of the \$663 million in tax relief Lamont and the legislature approved for the entire state. According to the nonpartisan analysts, the annual cost of raises and bonuses alone — excluding related additional pension costs — averages \$407 million over four years.

"What about our restaurant workers? What about our hospital workers?" Candelora added. "This governor has prioritized government over the residents of Connecticut."

Senate Minority Leader Kevin Kelly, R-Stratford, said the public safety, health care and other state workers who risked their lives to keep essential services running should be recognized. But it was Lamont and Democrats who

choose to give huge raises and bonuses to all workers beyond what taxpayers could afford.

"It demonstrates the flip-flopped priorities of the governor," Kelly said.

But a SEBAC spokeswoman responded Tuesday that "those who oppose our agreement and pandemic pay oppose anything good for working families, private or public, whether minimum wage, paid family leave, workplace safety standards or protection from discrimination.

"Those opponents are using the same playbook they've referenced for decades — trying to pit the public and private sector workers against each other for the crumbs they leave after protecting the ultra-wealthy."

Sen. Julie Kushner, D-Danbury, co-chairwoman of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, said the state should be doing more to help front-line workers in the private sector. But that isn't a reason, she added, not to recognize state workers who took great risks.

"Many got sick. Many had family members who were exposed," Kushner said. "People died."

Kushner and her fellow co-chair of the labor committee, Rep. Robyn Porter, D-New Haven, had sought to dedicate \$750 million — 25 times what the legislature and Lamont approved — for pandemic pay for the private sector. This would have come from the ARPA allocation or from the state's massive projected surplus for this fiscal year — currently pegged at \$3.8 billion.



Kathak Dance, a form of traditional Indian Dance attributed to ancient storytelling travelers, was performed at the Guru Vandana event.

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A student-performed yoga demonstration was part of the Darshana event.



Children sang a song about Guru Vandana as part of the celebration.



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Cannabis conference focuses on medicinal uses

Panelists will address changing landscape for marijuana in Connecticut

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Adult recreational use of cannabis is now legal in Connecticut, years after medicinal use of cannabis became legal. But to Kebra Smith-Bolden, all cannabis is medicinal.

“Health care professionals have a responsibility to be knowledgeable about cannabis, how it interacts, how it may affect a patient’s overall health status,” said Smith-Bolden, a nurse and cannabis entrepreneur. “It’s important for the patient to know as well.”

Smith-Bolden has organized Northeast Cannabis Nursing Conference, a gathering of health professionals, patients, entrepreneurs, attorneys, CEOs and anyone else interested in how cannabis can be part of their health regimen or their professional future.

The event is June 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Omni Hotel, 155 Temple St. in New Haven.

The conference will feature panel discussions and speakers addressing all facets of the cannabis industry: medical, legal, entrepreneurial, social equity. But apropos the name of the conference, the strongest focus is on medical.

“We’ll have panels about chronic illness, pain management, hospice and palliative care, how cannabis is used for those purposes, how to deal with patients across an entire life span,” Smith-Bolden said.

Smith-Bolden said the normalization of cannabis use across the board is good for those who seek it for medical purposes. “People who feel they need it are more willing to talk about it openly. There is less of a stigma,” she said. “More people are open about cannabis use as it is integrated into the medical world and outside the medical world.”

Corey Burchman, chief medical officer for Acreage Holdings, a medical dispensary firm, is one of the day’s speakers. Burchman’s firm, Acreage, recently announced that it has launched a social-equity partnership with Smith-Bolden for operations in Connecticut.

Burchman agrees with Smith-Bolden that even recreational use is predominantly medical.

“The vast majority of cannabis users use it for some medical reason, relaxation, anti-anxiety, to combat insomnia, pain relief. Even though they’re getting it from a recreational source, they are still using it as medicine,” Burchman said.

“It could be called self-medicating, but when people take vitamin supplements, they’re self-medicating. When they get a massage to release endorphins, they’re self-medicating. Some use it to treat Crohn’s disease, colitis. Cannabis can improve pain. Cancer and chemo patients use it to improve pain, increase appetite, decrease nausea.”

Smith-Bolden and Burchman said even though cannabis is available to all adults without a medical card, there are still advantages to acquiring cannabis medicinally.

“You have documentation about why you are consuming this, which is necessary for

many of our patients. There are reduced taxes, you can grow your own, and you can talk to a pharmacist to understand the entire picture,” Smith Bolden said. “When buying for adult use, you won’t have that same sort of thorough interaction.”

Burchman added that once they’re open, recreational dispensaries will be more popular than medical dispensaries, which would make medical dispensaries less visible, but medical dispensaries are still necessary to find items recreational dispensaries might not have.

“Products, maybe high-potency products that certain cancer patients need, you can’t find in the recreational market,” he said. “In more mature markets, like California and Colorado, the longstanding medical market was usurped and eclipsed by the recreational market, but they still preserved medical dispensaries, sometimes a store within a store.”

The conference will feature a “Cannabiz Pitch Contest,” at which entrepreneurs can present ideas for a cannabis business. Judges are Reginald Stanfield of Justin-Credible Cultivation and Margeaux Bruner of Trulieve. The winner will receive \$1,000.

Speakers at the conference include:

- Melissa Bouchard, RN, of Bennabis Health, provider of cannabis health insurance coverage.
- Sharnette Johnson, RN, founder of MogulMomma, which trains cannabis-care nurses.
- Dr. Marion McNabb, president of research firm Cannabis Center of Excellence.
- Jessie Gill, RN, founder of Marijuana

Mommy, an online resource of cannabis information.

- Alan Ao, founder of Plants and Prescriptions, a pharmacist and cannabis educator.
- Dr. Kristine de Jesus of The Wellness Cooperative, a wellness consulting firm.
- Solonje Burnett, CEO of Humble Bloom, a cannabis education and advocacy organization.
- Sephida Artis-Mills, president of the National Cannabis Party.
- Chirali Patel, of the Blaze Law Firm in New Jersey, specializing in cannabis law.
- Nique Pichette, RN, of Cannabis Nurses Network.
- Tanya Osborne, founder of Cannadiva, which advocates for women in the cannabis industry.
- Mary Pryor of Canna Clusive, which advocates for inclusivity in the cannabis industry.
- Nicole Greco, a cannabis educator and holistic dental hygienist.
- Jade Sancho-Duser, CEO of MaryJade Therapeutics.

Other activities at the conference are entrepreneur demonstrations, free medical certifications for the first 30 participants who request them (and have qualifying conditions), massages, aromatherapy, networking, lunch and music.

Admission to the Northeast Cannabis Nursing Conference is \$150. All are welcome. For details, visit [cannanurseconference.com](http://cannanurseconference.com) or email [info@cannanurseconference.com](mailto:info@cannanurseconference.com).

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Hazardous materials shut down highway in Farmington

Tractor-trailer was hauling paints, pesticides, corrosives packaged in boxes, drums

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

A leak in a truck transporting pesticides and other hazardous materials forced the closure of Interstate 84 and Route 9 in Farmington Wednesday, but the highways have since reopened, state police said.

There was no danger to the public, officials said.

Traffic on I-84 was diverted at Exit 40, and Route 9 northbound at Exit 30 was shut down as well, police said.

About 9:05 a.m., police said that I-84 East and Route 9 North had reopened and two lanes on I-84 West in that area had reopened.

The tractor-trailer was carrying hazardous waste, including pesticides, paints and flammable corrosives packaged in boxes and drums, state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection spokesman Will Healey said.

The truck driver noticed a leak as he traveled west near the Farmington-West Hartford border and pulled over.

The truck is owned by ACV, which was bringing forklifts and pallets to repack some of the load, Healey said.

Along with state police, local firefighters and crews from DEEP and the state Department of Transportation were on the scene.

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Hartford Restaurant Group, which has nine Wood-n-Taps in Connecticut, is expanding out of state for the first time, into Massachusetts. This is a rendering of the new space in West Springfield. **HARTFORD RESTAURANT GROUP**

Wood-n-Tap expands beyond Connecticut

By Susan Dunne  
Hartford Courant

Hartford Restaurant Group, which has opened nine Wood-n-Taps and one Que Whiskey Kitchen in the Hartford area since its founding 20 years ago, is expanding out of state for the first time, just over the border into West Springfield, Massachusetts, HRG founders Phil Barnett and Mike Hamlin announced.

“Mike and I have grown the business step by step since 2002, and we agreed it

was time to step out of the box and go over the border,” Barnett said in a statement.

Wood-n-Tap will be at 955 Riverdale St. in the site of a former Carrabba’s Italian Grill. After it closed in June 2020, there were no Carrabba’s remaining in Massachusetts or Connecticut.

The 8,420-square-foot space will have a wraparound bar. Indoor seating will be 300 and seating at the 2,800-square-foot patio will be 120.

“This has been a tough couple of years with COVID but thanks to our guests and

friends and family and staff, we were able to pivot our business, make it through the crisis and now can take on this kind of expansion,” Barnet said. “This is an opportunity we could not pass up.”

Wood-n-Taps are in Hartford, Enfield, Vernon, Newington, Rocky Hill, Farmington, Hamden, Southington and Wallingford. Que Whiskey Kitchen is in Southington. [woodntap.com](http://woodntap.com).

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Climate change advocates tell insurers to halt underwriting of fossil fuel business

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Climate change activists are stepping up pressure against insurance companies to stop underwriting fossil fuel business, claiming one victory with a shareholder resolution as others fell short in committing insurers to do more.

The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., Chubb and The Travelers Cos. Inc. faced calls at recent annual meetings to further restrict underwriting businesses that extract, transport or otherwise handle coal, tar sands, natural gas and other fossil fuels that contribute to greenhouse gas and the warming planet.

Ann Pratt, a Travelers shareholder, joined other protesters Wednesday outside the Marriott Hotel in Hartford where the insurer’s annual meeting was underway.

“They talk a good game, but we don’t see them stopping the spread of fossil fuels,” she said.

Two advocacy groups submitted shareholder resolutions urging stronger action against climate change.

Green Century Capital Management, an investment advisor to the Green Century Funds, which are fossil fuel-free mutual funds,

proposed disclosure of new policies to help ensure that underwriting practices do not support new fossil fuel supplies to comply with the International Energy Association’s net zero emissions goal by 2050.

Travelers should define the scope, time frame and outlines of the policy, including defining “new fossil fuel supplies,” Green Century said.

Travelers urged shareholders to reject the proposal. It said it has a comprehensive strategy that considers climate-related risks in its underwriting, pricing and investment decisions, including not to underwrite new risks for construction or operation of coal-fired plants and companies that generate a significant portion of energy production from coal or that generate a significant portion of revenue from thermal coal mining or tar sands extraction.

As You Sow, a shareholder advocacy group, proposed that Travelers issue a report addressing if and how it will measure, disclose and reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to its underwriting, insuring and investment activities to comply with the Paris Agreement’s goal requiring net zero emissions.

Travelers also urged shareholders to reject the resolution. The

proposal is unnecessary because Travelers says it publishes “robust reporting” and takes effective measures to identify and mitigate climate risks in its business.

Voting results were not immediately known Wednesday.

The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. was targeted by a resolution offered by Green Century, proposing a resolution similar to what it submitted to Travelers.

Matthew Sturdevant, spokesman for The Hartford, said divestiture-first strategies are “not an effective path to net zero” and that the insurer is encouraged by the vote of confidence from shareholders in its approach.

“Our longstanding commitment to sustainability is demonstrated by our actions across the business, including sustainable products, transparent disclosure of climate-related goals, risks and operational impacts and investments in renewable energy,” he said.

At Chubb, a Swiss-based insurer, shareholders rejected a similar resolution by Green Century Capital Management that would have required the board of directors to adopt and disclose policies to help ensure that underwriting does not support new fossil fuel supplies. It received 19% of shareholder support.



Climate change activists protested Wednesday outside the Marriott Hotel in Hartford at The Travelers Cos. Inc. annual meeting. **STEPHEN SINGER/HARTFORD COURANT**

“As a first year, it’s actually a pretty good showing,” said Andrea Ranger, shareholder advocate at Green Century Capital Management.

Another shareholder resolution submitted by As You Sow called on Chubb to issue a report addressing whether and how it intends to measure, disclose and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with its underwriting, insuring, and investment related to net zero emissions. It received 72% backing from shareholders.

The resolution is nonbinding, but Danielle Fugere, president and chief counsel of As You Sow, said most companies will respond even if just 25% of shareholders urge action. “Seventy-two percent is a very strong message that a company needs to take action,” she said.

Chubb urged shareholders to


reject both proposals.

“There is no magic bullet that will create a carbon free economy in the short term and the use of fossil fuels will unfortunately remain necessary during a transition period,” the company said. “Our underwriting, risk engineering, investment and philanthropic actions reflect this reality as Chubb seeks to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels.”

Extreme weather events in 2021, including a winter freeze, floods, severe thunderstorms, heat waves and Hurricane Ida in Louisiana resulted in annual insured losses of about \$105 billion from natural catastrophes last year, the fourth highest since 1970, according to Swiss Re Institute’s preliminary estimates.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Carolyn J. Belanger (22-00377)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated May 3, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Valerie Ann Wolf, 26 Quartette Club Avenue, New Britain, CT 06052  
May 26, 2022 7217885

### LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kNmV2Vil3VVV1TUUNEZRSZS0QOT09>  
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21/22-27 Frederick and Sandra Sattler seek a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/5.6' to north and 14' to south proposed); Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/16.2' proposed) and Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/32.7% proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit construction of a 163.2 s.f. front porch and stairs at 15 Cottage Road, Map 3/Lot 21, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone.

21/22-28 Marie & LeAnn Kalita seek a variance of Par 10.8.3 (non-conforming lot/no changes allow/changes proposed); Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/23.9% proposed); Par 24.5.1 (street line setback/25' required/14.7' proposed) and Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/8.9' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 1,428 s.f. house and a 24 s.f. addition to existing garage at 6 Sea Breeze Road, Map 3/Lot 159, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication in advance.  
Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at [oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning/board-appeals](https://oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning/board-appeals)  
Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals  
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5/20/22 7213632

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May 26, 2022 7217769

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May 26, 2022 7217919

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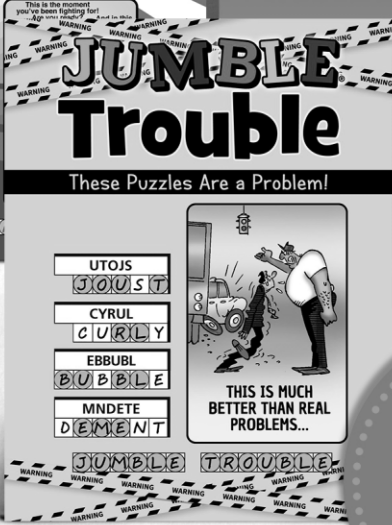
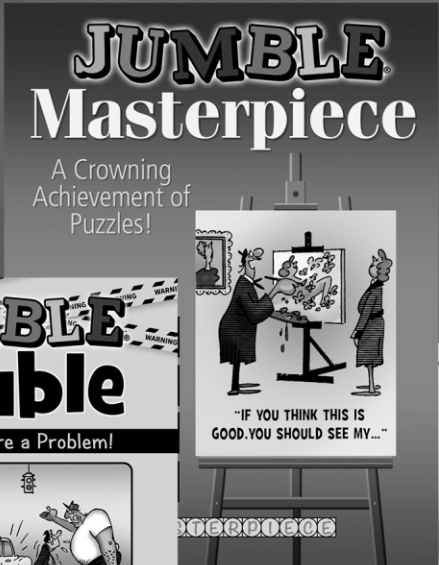
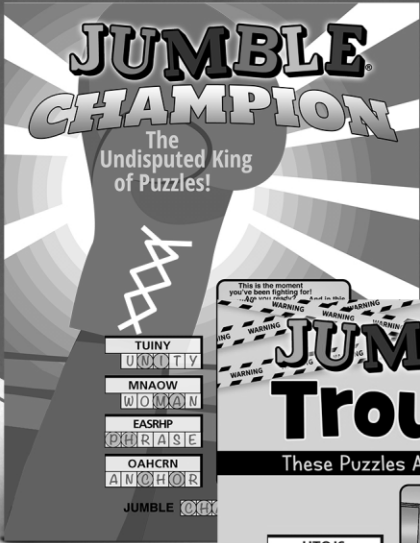
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The Cromwell Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency will hold a Regular Meeting and a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following item:

1. Application #22-02: Request to conduct activities within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area to allow for the construction of a road and warehouse at 84A and 102 Court Street, 76 and 80R Geer Street and 210 Shunpike Road. Scannell Properties #576, LLC is the Applicant and Dylis B. and Henry P. Jr. McIntyre, Gardner's Nurseries Inc. and Paramount Property LLC are the Owners.

John Whitney  
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Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this 16th day of May 2022.  
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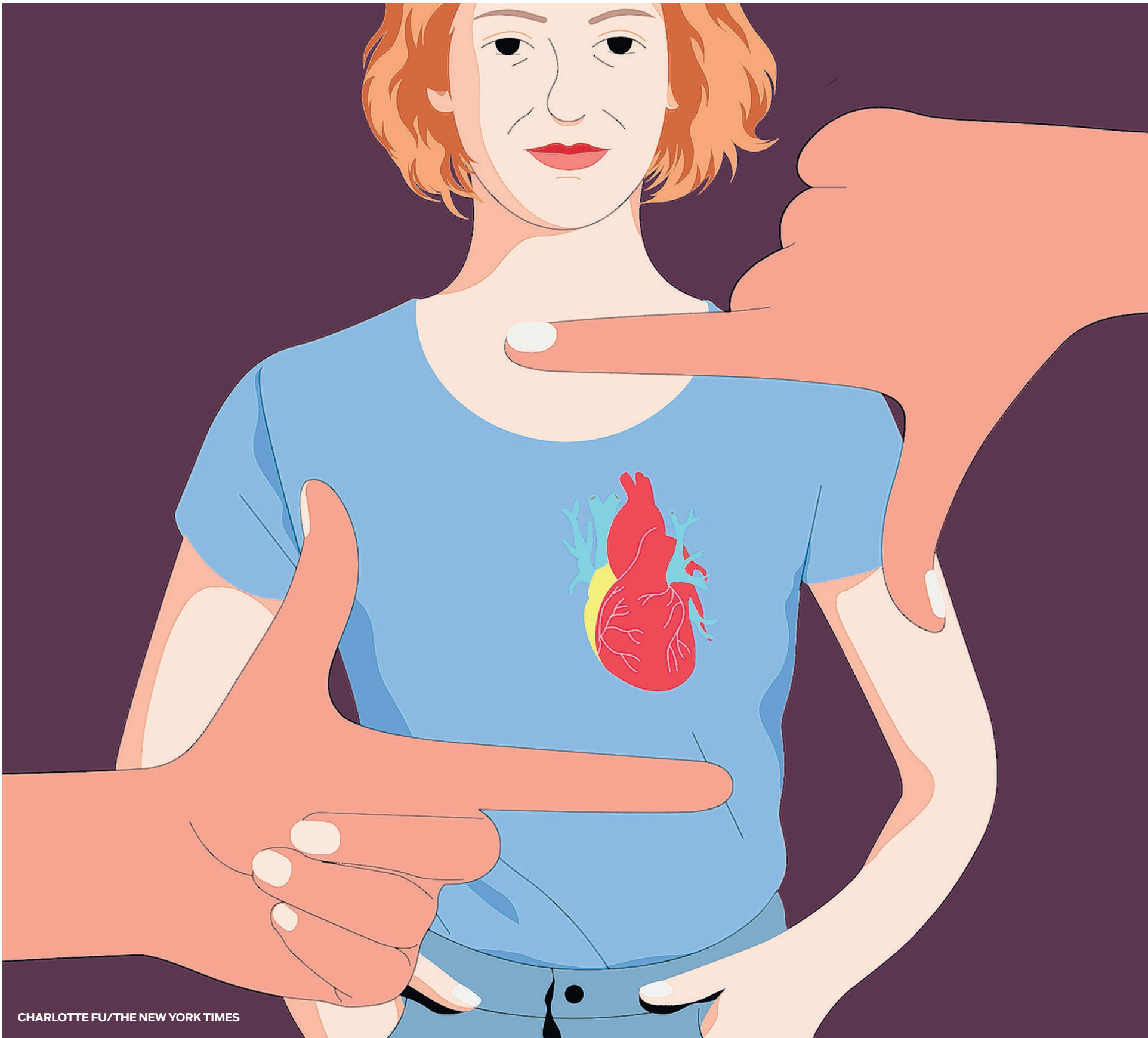
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# Heart disease in women

Neither women nor doctors are realizing symptoms mean trouble

By Anahad O'Connor  
The New York Times

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among men and women in the United States, killing nearly 700,000 people a year. But studies have long shown that women are more likely than men to dismiss the warning signs of a heart attack, sometimes waiting hours or longer to call 911 or go to a hospital.

Now researchers are trying to figure out why. They have found that women often hesitate to get help because they tend to have more subtle heart attack symptoms than men — but even when they do go to the hospital, health care providers are more likely to downplay their symptoms or delay treating them. Health authorities say that heart disease in women remains widely underdiagnosed and under-treated, and that these factors contribute to worse outcomes among women and heightened rates of death from the disease.

Most studies suggest that a major reason women delay seeking care — and are often misdiagnosed — is because of the symptoms they develop. While

chest pain or discomfort is the most common sign of a heart attack in both sexes, women who have heart attacks are far less likely than men to have any chest pain at all. Instead, they often have symptoms that can be harder to associate with cardiac trouble, like shortness of breath, cold sweats, malaise, fatigue, and jaw and back pain. A report by the American Heart Association found that heart attacks are deadlier in women who do not exhibit chest pain, in part because it means both patients and doctors take longer to identify the problem.

But when women suspect they are having a heart attack, they still have a harder time getting treated than men do. Studies show they are more likely to be told that their symptoms are not cardiovascular-related. Many women are told by doctors that their symptoms are all in their head. One study found that women complaining of symptoms consistent with heart disease, including chest pain, were twice as likely to be diagnosed with a mental illness compared to men who complained of identi-

cal symptoms.

**Women face longer waits and slower diagnoses.**

In a study published recently in the Journal of the American Heart Association, researchers analyzed data on millions of emergency room visits before the pandemic and found that women — and especially women of color — who complained of chest pain had to wait an average of 11 minutes longer to see a doctor or nurse than men who complained of similar symptoms. Women were less likely to be admitted to the hospital, they received less thorough evaluations and they were less likely to be administered tests like an electrocardiogram, or EKG, which can detect cardiac problems.

Dr. Alexandra Lansky, a cardiologist at Yale-New Haven Hospital, recalled one patient who had gone to multiple doctors complaining of jaw pain, only to be referred to a dentist, who extracted two molars. When the jaw pain didn't go away, the woman went to see Lansky, who discovered the problem was heart-related.

"She ended up having bypass surgery because the jaw pain was heart disease," Lansky said.

Over the years, health authorities have tried to

address the gender gap in cardiovascular care through a variety of public service campaigns. The federal government and the American Heart Association launched campaigns to increase awareness of heart disease and its symptoms among women, as did the Women's Heart Alliance, which started placing ads last year on Facebook, Instagram, and thousands of radio and television stations. Set to music from Lady Gaga, the group's ads urge women to "know the signs" of a heart attack, which it cautions can be as vague as sweating, dizziness or unusual fatigue.

In January, a group of scientists published a study that delved into the factors that drive women to delay seeking care for their cardiac troubles. They found that the absence of chest pain or discomfort was a major reason. The study, published in the Journal Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management, looked at 218 men and women who were treated for heart attacks at four different hospitals in New York before the pandemic. It found that 62% of the women did not have any chest pain or discomfort, compared with just 36% of the men.

Many women reported shortness of breath as well

as gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea and indigestion. About one-quarter of the men also reported having either shortness of breath or gastrointestinal distress.

Ultimately, 72% of women who had a heart attack waited more than 90 minutes to go to a hospital or call 911, compared with 54% of men. Slightly more than half of the women called a relative or a friend before dialing 911 or going to a hospital, compared with 36% of the men.

**Heart disease is rising in younger women.**

"There's a lack of understanding in both women and men that a heart attack does not have to cause chest pain or these incredible movie-like symptoms," said Dr. Jacqueline Tamis-Holland, an author of the January study and a cardiologist at Mount Sinai Morningside in New York.

Tamis-Holland said there were other reasons for the delays. One is that women don't consider themselves to be as vulnerable to heart disease as men. Previous studies have shown that they are more likely to dismiss their symptoms as stress or anxiety. They also tend to develop heart disease at later ages than men. In Tamis-Holland's study,

the women who had heart attacks were, on average, 69 years old, while the average age of the men was 61.

But younger women are not immune to heart disease. Recent studies have found that heart attacks and deaths from heart disease have been rising among women between ages 35 and 54, in part because of an increase in cardiometabolic risk factors like high blood pressure and obesity.

Experts say that more outreach and education is needed to help women and men recognize the signs and risk factors for heart disease. But Lansky said she also wants to empower people to become advocates for themselves. If you suspect something is wrong with your health then do not let a health care provider turn you away until you have answers, she said.

"If you're not feeling right and you think that in the realm of possibilities is an issue with your heart, then you should spell it out," she said. "Say: 'I am concerned I may be having a heart attack, and I want an EKG just to be sure.' Nobody in the emergency department is going to say you can't have it. But sometimes they're just not thinking about it, so it's good to flag it."

## Highway safety association finds US pedestrian death rate highest in 40 years

HealthDay News

U.S. pedestrian deaths in 2021 were the highest in four decades, with an average of 20 deaths every day, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

An estimated 7,485 pedestrians were killed in 2021, which was 12% more than in 2020, preliminary data show.

The findings are "heart-breaking and unacceptable," said Jonathan

Adkins, executive director of the highway safety association.

"The pandemic has caused so much death and damage, it's frustrating to see even more lives needlessly taken due to dangerous driving," he said in an association news release.

The pedestrian fatality rate per 100,000 people rose to 2.26 in 2021 from 2.02 the previous year. There were 2.32 pedestrian deaths per billion vehicle miles traveled in 2021 —

similar to 2020 but well above the pre-pandemic average of 1.9.

The reasons are clear: There has been an increase in speeding, impaired, distracted driving and other dangerous driving behaviors in recent years, according to the association's report.

The report also included an analysis of 2010 to 2020 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That showed that the percent-

age of pedestrian fatalities involving speeding rose to 8.6% in 2020 from 7.2% in 2019.

The percentage of pedestrian deaths among children younger than 15 in which speeding was a factor more than doubled between 2018 and 2020, from 5.8% to almost 12%. Most of these fatalities occurred on weekdays and during daylight hours, which is when children would typically be going to and from school.



Pedestrians at Times Square in Manhattan on May 2.  
STEPHANIE KEITH/THE NEW YORK TIMES



CELEBRITIES

McConaughey grieves for Texas town

From news services

Actor Matthew McConaughey, who was born in Uvalde, Texas, spoke out Tuesday on an elementary school shooting in his hometown that killed two teachers and 19 children.

In a statement, McConaughey offered his condolences to the families affected by the tragedy and urged Americans to take action “so that no parent has to experience what parents in Uvalde and the others before them have endured.”

On Tuesday, a gunman barricaded himself inside and opened fire on a fourth grade classroom at Robb Elementary School.

“As you are all aware there was another mass shooting today, this time in my hometown of Uvalde, Texas,” McConaughey wrote in a message posted on social media. “Once again, we have tragically proven that we are failing to be responsible for the rights our freedoms grant us. The true call to action now is for every American to take a longer and deeper look in the mirror, and ask ourselves, ‘What is it that we truly value? How do we repair the problem? What small sacrifices can we individually take today, to preserve a healthier and safer nation, state, and neighborhood tomorrow?’”

McConaughey is one of many public figures who lamented the tragedy in Uvalde, as well as other massacres — including the recent shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Laguna Woods, California — that preceded it. Among the entertainment luminaries who reacted are Taylor Swift, Simu Liu, Quinta Brunson, Rachel Zegler, Amanda Gorman, Mario Lopez and Olivia Rodrigo. “This is an epidemic we can control, and whichever side of the aisle we may stand on, we all know we can do better. We must



Matthew McConaughey, seen Dec. 12, posted on social media about Tuesday’s shooting. **RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION**

do better,” McConaughey said. “Action must be taken ... And to those who dropped off their loved ones today not knowing it was goodbye, no words can comprehend or heal your loss, but if prayers can provide comfort, we will keep them coming.”

**Also in wake of Texas shooting:** CBS pulled the season finale of “FBI” after the elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

The network said Tuesday that it would not air the show’s season four finale, “Prodigal Son.” The storyline involved a suspected student’s participation in a deadly robbery. It’s unclear whether the episode will air in the future.

Meanwhile, Apple TV+ canceled a red carpet event for season two of its show “Physical,” which stars Rose Byrne, because of the shooting.

**Tyler enters treatment:** Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler has voluntarily entered a rehabilitation program, forcing the band to cancel the first portion of its Las Vegas

residency. Tyler, 74, has made no secret of his lifelong struggle with substance abuse disorder.

“Our beloved brother Steven has worked on his sobriety for many years,” the band posted on social media on Tuesday. “After foot surgery to prepare for the stage and the necessity of pain management during the process, he has recently relapsed and voluntarily entered a treatment program to concentrate on his health and recovery.”

The band’s June and July shows in Las Vegas have been canceled, and the goal is to start performing again in September, the band posted.

**May 26 birthdays:** Sports-caster Brent Musburger is 83. Singer Stevie Nicks is 74. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 73. Actor Pam Grier is 73. Singer Hank Williams Jr. is 73. Actor Genie Francis is 60. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 60. Singer Lenny Kravitz is 58. Actor Helena Bonham Carter is 56. Actor Matt Stone is 51. Singer Lauryn Hill is 47.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Decade later, young pursuer changes story

**Dear Amy:** About 10 years ago, I very briefly dated someone who was 15 years younger than me — I was 38, and he was 23.

He pursued me. The age difference bothered me from the beginning, and I told him repeatedly that I didn’t want to date because of it. I was also dealing with suicidal depression, was unable to work and didn’t want to date anyone.

He persisted for months and eventually wore me down (he texted and called daily, showed up at my house uninvited and made his case through mutual friends. He even had his parents call me to tell me that they approved).

We dated for about two months. We had nothing in common. He and his friends were heavy drinkers and drug users, and my depression worsened.

Ultimately, I ended it (kindly). The entire time we dated, I told him that I was uncomfortable with the age difference. My health improved, and I moved away. We haven’t been in touch for 10 years.

Recently, he contacted me on social media and said his therapist is suggesting there had been an inappropriate power imbalance because of the age difference and that he had been unable to consent — all very #MeToo ideas.

I am alarmed because, well, it’s not accurate. Should I respond? — *Worried*

**Dear Worried:** No, you should not respond. Taking at face value the details as you describe them, being in touch with this man would be like pressing “go” for a person who previously violated reasonable

boundaries, engaged in behavior that sounds like stalking, and who seems capable of relentlessness.

You state that you were not working at the time of your brief relationship, so I conclude that you were not his superior at work. He was 23 years old — over the age of consent. The age difference is immaterial.

It seems reasonable for a therapist to suggest that there was a power imbalance between you two, because many failed relationships are the result of a power imbalance.

Don’t read any #MeToo allegations into this unless he explicitly makes them, and don’t apologize for participating in a very brief relationship that you broke off.

Most of us have regrets from choices we made in our early 20s. You can hope that his therapy leads to insight instead of allegations.

**Dear Amy:** What should I do for an alcoholic friend who will not go to treatment because she has been there before and they just preach religion?

She is not religious at all.

Are there any resources for alcoholics that don’t preach religion?

— *Trying to Help*

**Dear Trying:** As world-changing as the “12-step” model pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous has been, some people are turned off by references to God, or “a higher power.”

Many programs inspired by the success of AA have adopted some of these basic truths and techniques, but have removed any religious references.

Aaagnostica.org is an extremely helpful resource for anyone looking for a nonreligious recovery program. The site features a list of books, blogs, essays and a database of secular recovery programs — all pointed toward people like your friend.

Especially helpful is their “collection of alternative 12-steps,” which offers secular interpretations of AA’s 12-steps.

Your friend might be using her resistance to religion as a reason to avoid any recovery program, but you could help her by pointing her toward the secular options available.

**Dear Amy:** “Wondering” wrote to you with a question regarding whether she should tell her now adult children about their half-brother (who was adopted out as a baby). Yes, she should!

I have known that I was adopted since I was 10. I am now 71 and have been in contact with my 11 half-siblings for some years. I found some through research to determine who my birth mother was, and some through DNA analysis, which gave me my birth father.

As you said, this will come out sooner or later, and if she talks about it now, she will control the narrative.

— *Adoptee*

**Dear Adoptee:** Thank you for providing your important perspective. I hope that adoptive parents follow your advice.

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Documentary follows rise and many rebirths of comic Carlin

By Mark Kennedy

Associated Press

For comedians of a certain age, there was one album that was worn out on the turntable, dutifully memorized and acted out. That was George Carlin’s signature “Class Clown.”

“The way George Carlin looked at the world and broke it down taught so many of us how to be comedians,” said Judd Apatow. “He injected the software into our brains about how to think as a comic.”

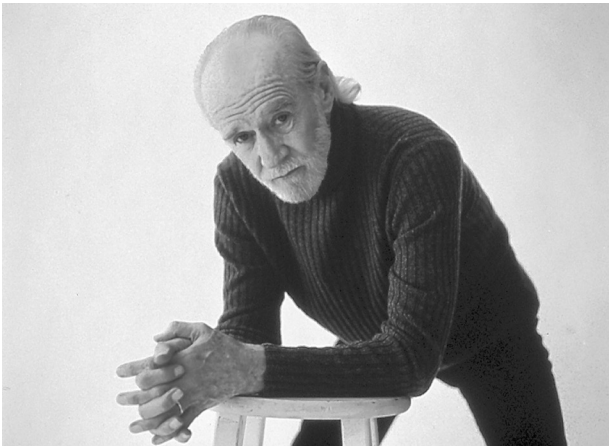
Apatow and Michael Bonfiglio teamed up to honor Carlin, the dean of counterculture comedians, directing the two-part documentary “George Carlin’s American Dream.” It recently premiered on HBO and is streaming on HBO Max.

“For most people, he is on our Mount Rushmore of comedy,” said Apatow. “He is definitely one of the best thinkers but also writers and performers that comedy has ever had.”

The documentary traces the rise and multiple rebirths of Carlin, from mainstream, groomed comic in a skinny tie and slicked-back hair to bearded, long-haired provocateur.

That change — from playing a mocking hippie-dippy weatherman on variety shows to a more authentic comedian talking about power, language and human foibles — took its toll. The documentary also plainly discusses Carlin’s wicked coke habit and personal turmoil. Kelly Carlin, the comedian’s daughter, would have it no other way.

“I think we’re all better off when we take people off a pedestal — not to take them down, but to raise ourselves up to their level. We are all humans here trying to figure



George Carlin is the subject of the documentary “George Carlin’s American Dream.” **GEORGE CARLIN ESTATE/HBO**

out our way,” said Kelly Carlin, who co-executive produced the series.

An A-list of comedians are interviewed, all attesting to Carlin’s genius, including Jon Stewart, Paul Reiser, Stephen Wright, Alex Winter, Paul Provenza, Robert Klein, Bill Burr, Bette Midler, Kevin Smith, Stephen Colbert, Hasan Minhaj and Judy Gold.

Carlin’s biting insights on life and language reached its zenith with his “Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television” routine, which appeared on “Class Clown.” When he uttered all seven at a show in Milwaukee in 1972, he was arrested for disturbing the peace.

When the words were played on a New York radio station, they resulted in a Supreme Court ruling in 1978 upholding the government’s authority to sanction stations for broadcasting offensive language. “It’s extraordinary that his material actually created a new category of speech in our country,” said Bonfiglio.

The HBO portrait is wonderfully enhanced by the Carlin archives, which include Post-It notes of joke ideas, scripts, home footage, letters and TV clips. The filmmakers also

got lucky when they found 23 hours of brutally honest interviews he did for an autobiography.

The documentary charts Carlin’s reinventions against the backdrop of huge social changes — Watergate, Vietnam, Reaganomics, hippie culture, among them. It also documents his fallow early ’80s when he was in the comic wilderness before a Carnegie Hall show reignited his career. Carlin died in 2008.

“It was always important to us that we show how he was both reflecting and being shaped by the culture,” said Bonfiglio. “It was kind of a two-way sort of a thing.”

The documentary comes at a time when Carlin’s observations are making a comeback. The late stand-up went viral recently thanks to a widely shared routine about abortion from his 1996 HBO special “Back In Town.”

“I really do feel like one of the things that’s happening in our world right now is we are looking for our moral center,” said Kelly Carlin. “And I think why he keeps showing up is because he was someone who we would get to check in with. It’s interesting how hungry we are for his voice right now.”

HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Your personal magnetism may be at a high point today. That said, you might still need to be aware of your motives and make sure you aren’t trying to wield power manipulatively. Fortunately, your friends keep you grounded, so be open to feedback.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Indulging in relaxation can be very refreshing for you now. If that isn’t enough to resolve your feelings of guilt for not being productive every second, changing some of your own beliefs about rest could be necessary. You hold others to more realistic standards than you do yourself.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Boundaries may be an important part of keeping your social life pleasant today. Though you might believe you have the right to pursue any conversation out of a desire to learn, you know on some level reality is more complicated. Use caution even if you don’t think it’s necessary.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Professional progress could be coming to you today. However, you may be afraid that positive news for you will have a negative impact on one of your relationships by provoking jealousy. This might be a sign that you need to become less emotionally entangled with them.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On May 26, 1938,** the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

**In 1972,** President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed

the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow.

**In 1994,** Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were married.

**In 2009,** President Barack Obama nominated federal appeals judge Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**In 2011,** Ratko Mladic, the brutal Bosnian Serb

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Pleasure could be a priority for you today. However, you may have to watch what you spend. Though there might be wiggle room in your budget, your sense of feeling deprived is what’s most likely to provoke you. Checking your bank before you get rolling can give you a sense of what’s possible.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Family life could seem especially cozy now, but you may wonder whether that closeness comes at a cost. If there’s not room for you to be your true self within the family, your frustration might come out. Your task is perhaps to take responsibility for your own expression.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can be witty and engaging today, but keep an eye out for humor that has an edge. If you feel the urge to tell a joke at somebody’s expense, it might be a sign that you have deeper issues. Being honest about your challenges should create less trouble than antagonizing others.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Getting a sense of your financial picture could be difficult now. Comparing yourself to your peers has the potential to burst your bubble. You may need to carefully discern which comparisons are relevant. If you have different goals, you’ll have to be content with self-confidence.

general suspected of leading the massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys, was arrested after a 16-year manhunt.

**In 2020,** Minneapolis police issued a statement saying George Floyd had died after a “medical incident”; minutes after the statement was released, bystander video was posted online. Protests over Floyd’s death began.



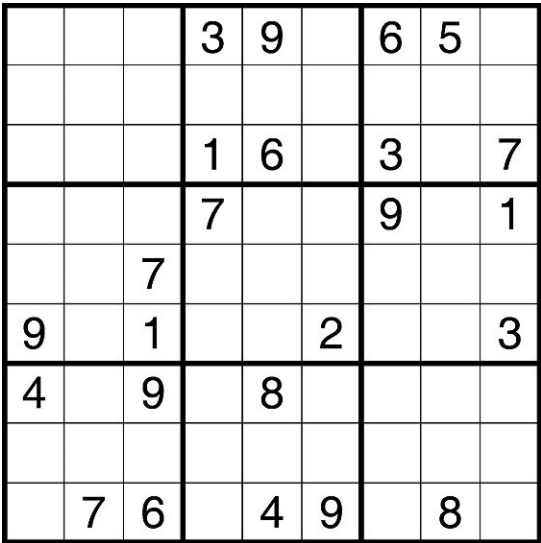
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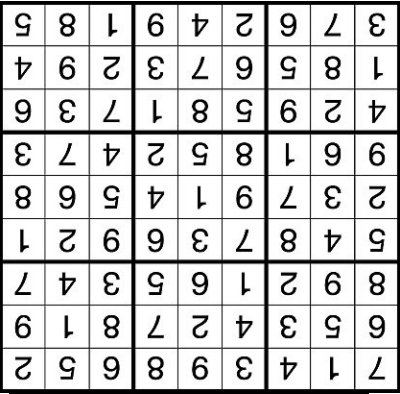
## SUDOKU



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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](https://www.sudoku.org.uk).



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## BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE

- 3 letters = 1 point
- 4 letters = 2 points
- 5 letters = 3 points
- 6 letters = 4 points
- 7 letters = 6 points
- 8 letters = 10 points
- 9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING

- 1151+ = Champ
- 101-150 = Expert
- 61-100 = Pro
- 31-60 = Gamer
- 21-30 = Rookie
- 11-20 = Amateur
- 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus  
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST FIVE FORD CAR MODELS in the grid of letters.

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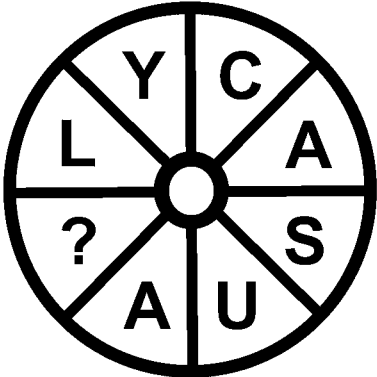
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## WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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## WORD SEARCH

### Wordsearch: anatomy

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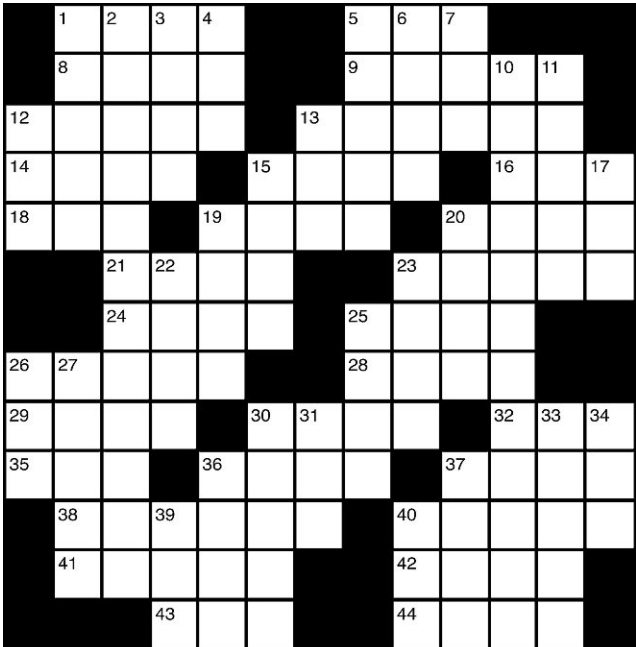
Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



ALVEOLUS	EAR	KNEE	SHINBONE
ANKLE	ELBOW	LARYNX	SKIN
ARM	FENESTRA	LEG	SOLE
BICEPS	FIBULA	LIP	STOMACH
BIG TOE	FOOT	LUNG	TEETH
BOWEL	GUT	LYMPH	THYMUS
BRAIN	HAND	METACARPAL	TIBIA
BREASTBONE	HEEL	NECK	ULNAR
BRONCHUS	ILIUM	NOSE	VALVE
COLON	INTESTINE	PORE	VEIN
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DUCT	KIDNEY	SEPTUM	WRIST

## TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ Harper of "The Good Doctor"  
5 "What \_\_\_ to Wear"  
8 "\_\_\_ Rock"; Simon & Garfunkel song  
9 Actor Ballard  
12 Gray and Moran  
13 Stephanie \_\_\_ of "S.W.A.T."  
14 Johnny Carson's successor  
15 Actress Ward  
16 Recipe amt.  
18 "Love \_\_\_ Many Splendored Thing"  
19 Sara and Wasikowska  
20 Attack with a dagger  
21 "The \_\_\_ McCoys"  
23 Late Madeline & her family  
24 One of the boys on "Home Improvement"  
25 Autry or Kelly  
26 Tinker Bell, for one  
27 "Star Wars: Episode IV - \_\_\_ Hope"  
29 Colony members  
30 Prefix for space or dynamics  
32 "\_\_\_ This Morning"  
35 FBI crime lab evidence

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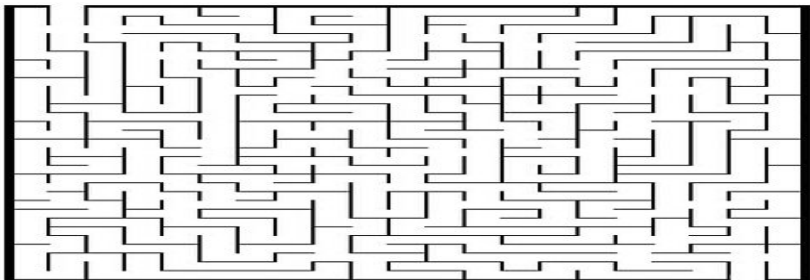
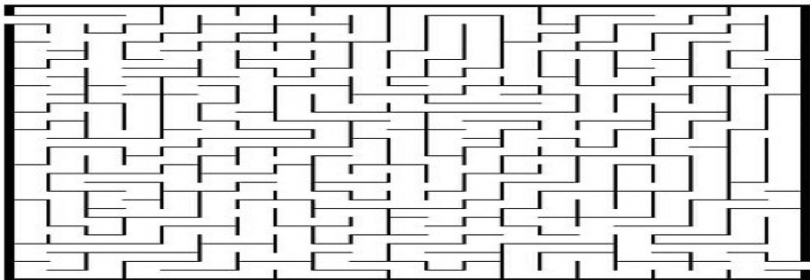
- 36 Mayberry resident  
37 Late actor Juliá  
38 "\_\_\_ of S.H.I.E.L.D."  
40 Actress Spacek  
41 "...from \_\_\_ shining sea."  
42 In \_\_\_; sulking  
43 "The Whole \_\_\_ Yards"; Bruce Willis movie  
44 Baseball great Willie  
1 Justin of "MacGyver"  
2 Actor on "Young Sheldon"  
3 Center of the alphabet  
4 "\_\_\_ Vegas"  
5 Manicurist's focus  
6 Gymnast Korbut  
7 Dan Bakkedahl's role on "Life in Pieces"  
10 Role on "Chicago Fire"  
11 "I Left My Heart \_\_\_ Francisco"  
12 Actor Marienthal  
13 "Voyage to the Bottom of the \_\_\_"  
15 "\_\_\_ Stalkings"; series for Rob Estes  
17 "Sesame Street" network  
19 \_\_\_ Alice Young; role on "Desperate Housewives"  
20 Not bananas  
22 Dumbo's "wings"  
23 Game similar to lotto  
25 "\_\_\_ Unmarried"; Jay Mohr sitcom  
26 Passing craze  
27 Paquin and Faris  
30 Actress Susan \_\_\_  
31 Sullivan and Bradley  
33 Arrests  
34 Sylvester Stallone, to friends  
36 \_\_\_ up; put chips in the pot  
37 Kelly of "Live! with Kelly"  
39 "Please Don't \_\_\_ the Daisies"  
40 \_\_\_ Hanna; role on "NCIS: Los Angeles"



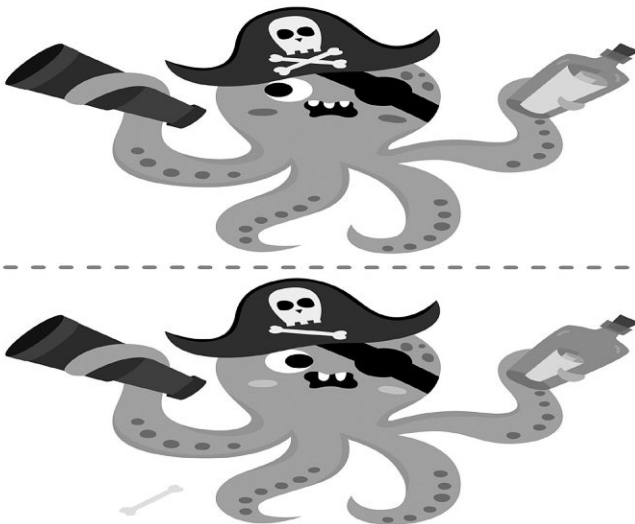
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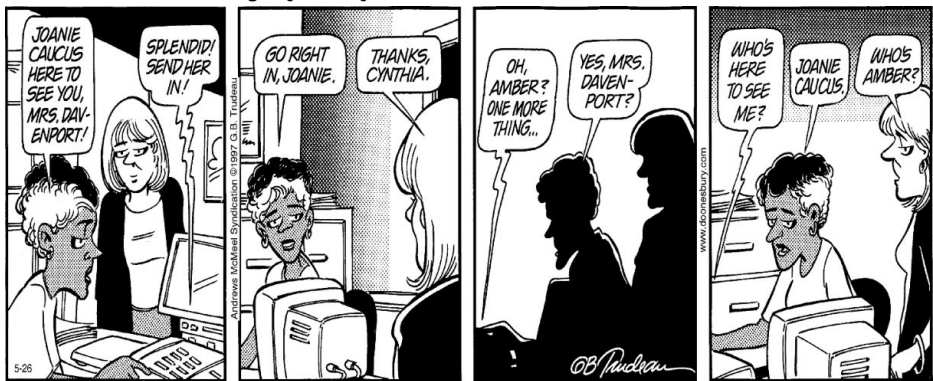




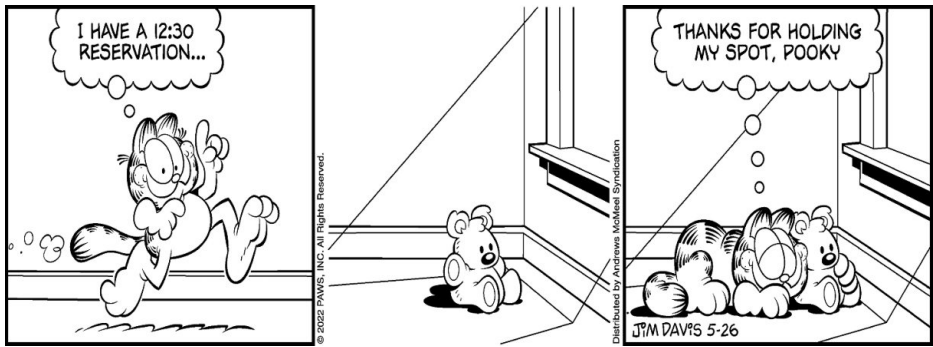
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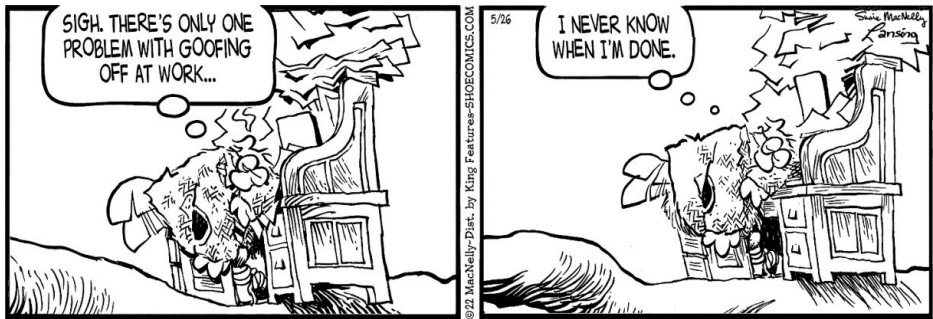
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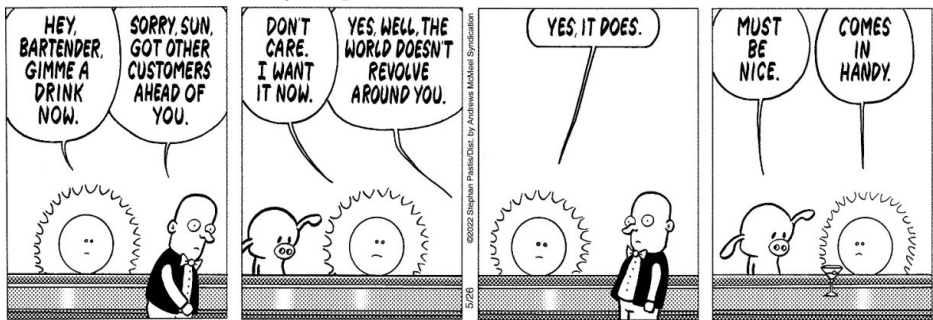
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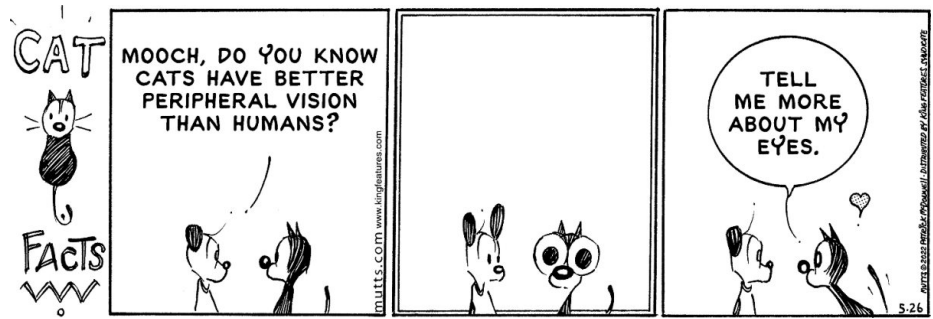
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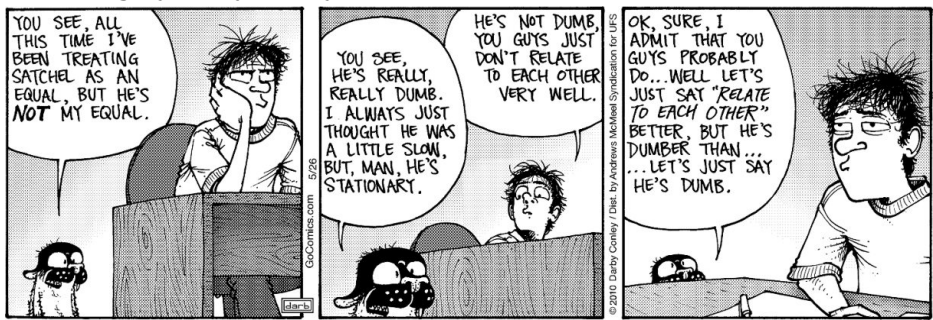
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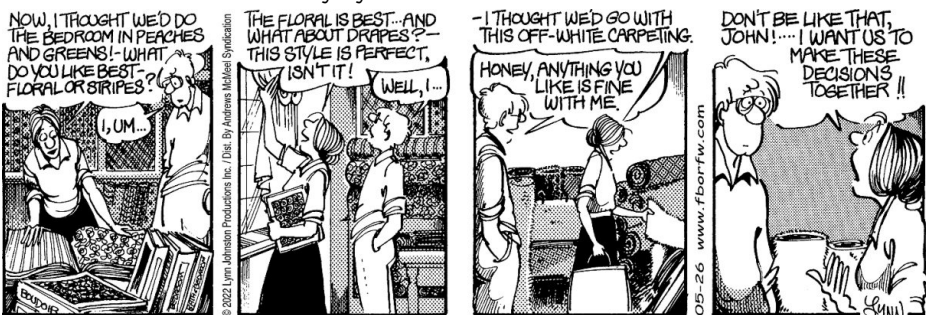


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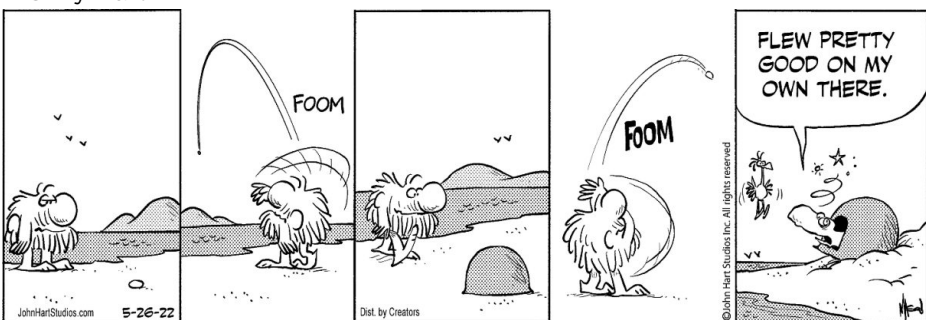




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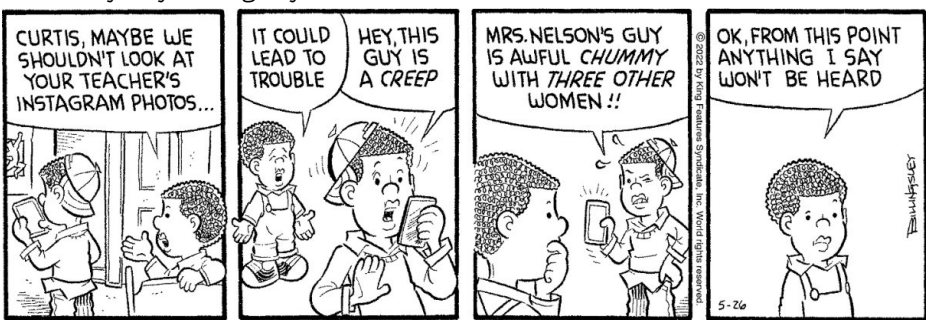
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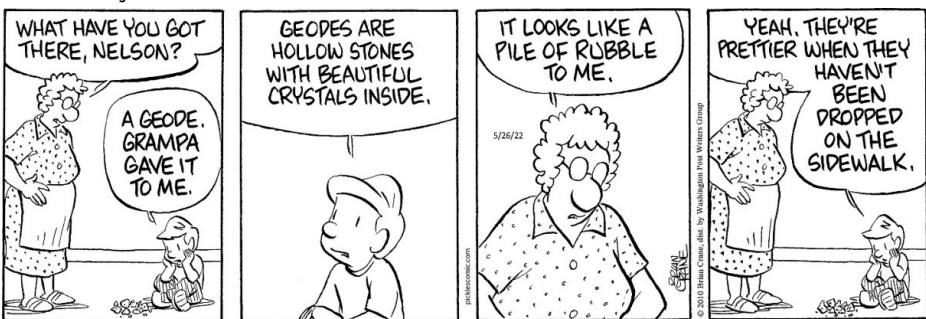
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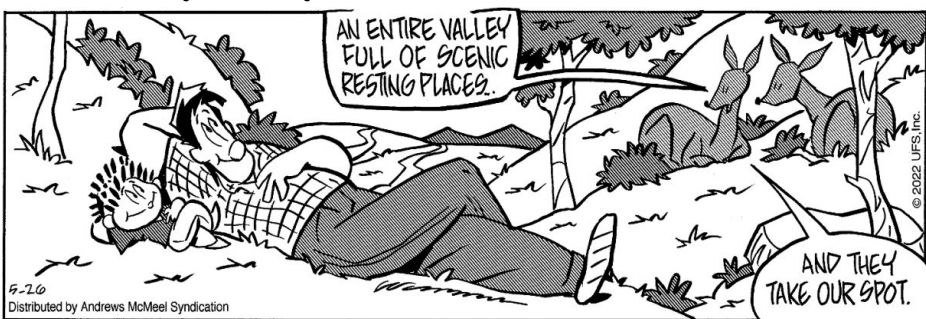
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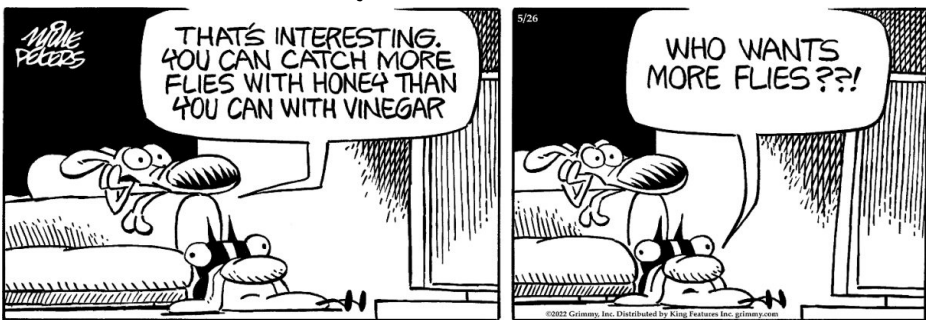
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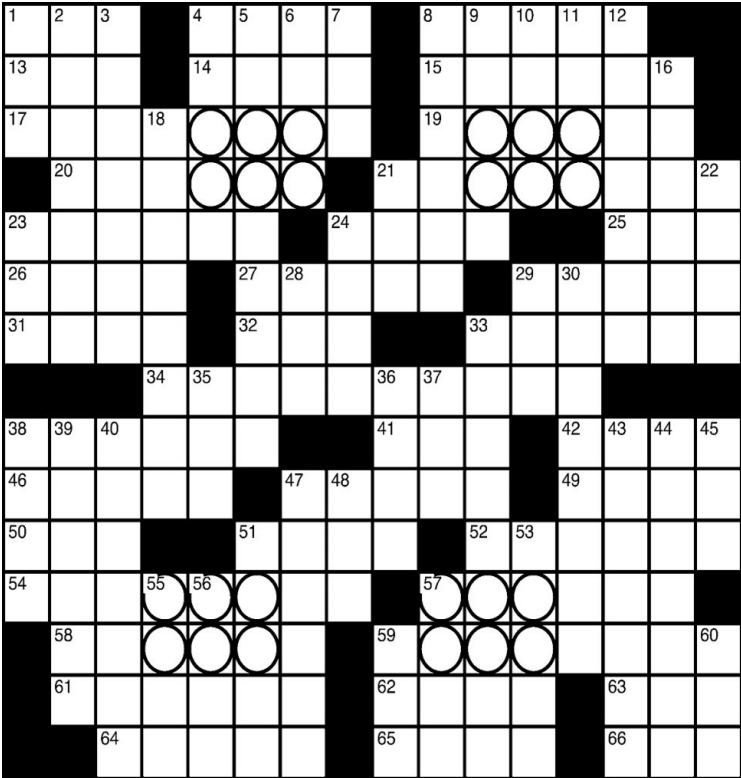
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

- Across**
- 1 Spanish pronoun
  - 4 "Ohio" quartet, briefly
  - 8 "Sounds like a hoot"
  - 13 Plastic fig.?
  - 14 "Salt Fat Heat": Samin Nosrat cookbook
  - 15 Pen
  - 17 Round bakeware
  - 19 One score
  - 20 Only unanimous Baseball Hall of Fame electee
  - 21 Ride the waves
  - 23 Main line
  - 24 Coppers
  - 25 Coastal inlet
  - 26 \_\_ review
  - 27 Bouquet \_\_
  - 29 Small bit
  - 31 Small swirl
  - 32 Mine lode
  - 33 Genève's land
  - 34 Digital ledger that stores non-fungible tokens, and what can be found in each set of shaded squares
  - 38 On the same side
  - 41 "That sounds painful"
  - 42 "Mare of Easttown" Emmy winner Peters
  - 46 Fare plans
  - 47 \_\_ all'Arrabbiata
  - 49 Mustard family member
  - 50 Up-in-the-air fig.?
  - 51 Part
  - 52 River from the Himalayas
  - 54 Impishness
  - 57 Use a pinch runner for, e.g.
  - 58 Sign up
  - 59 Club that may get heckled when they take the field
  - 61 More tart
  - 62 Pixar film set in Radiator Springs
  - 63 Place for "me time"
  - 64 Itty-bitty
  - 65 Wraps up
  - 66 Chef's meas.
  - 5 Next-level awesome
  - 6 NPR legal affairs correspondent Totenberg
  - 7 Skein units: Abbr.
  - 8 Army swimmers?
  - 9 Folksy greeting
  - 10 Glenn of the Eagles
  - 11 Banquet coffeepots
  - 12 Essences
  - 16 Liner notes component
  - 18 All
  - 21 \_\_ vivant
  - 22 Imitation
  - 23 Mimic
  - 24 Sch. for tots
  - 28 Halo piece
  - 29 \_\_ generis
  - 30 Woodworker's inconvenience
  - 33 Protect
  - 35 French article
  - 36 Scoop holder
  - 37 Snookums
  - 38 "Whataya Want from Me" singer Lambert
  - 39 Easter blooms
  - 40 "We should pass"
  - 43 Least clear
  - 44 Brewpub fixtures
  - 45 Old console letters
  - 47 "\_\_\_ Is Not a Luxury": essay by Audre Lorde
  - 48 Sprite
  - 51 Up
  - 53 Deep space
  - 55 Board game with rooms
  - 56 Sign on
  - 57 Cygnet
  - 59 Royal flush card
  - 60 Trailhead display



By Blake Slonecker Tribune Content Agency 5/26/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A Q 9  
♥ 8 7 6 2  
♦ 8 4 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**WEST**

♠ J 10 8 7 6  
♥ A 10 9 4  
♦ J 5  
♣ 10 2

**EAST**

♠ 4 2  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ Q 10 7 6  
♣ K 8 6 3

**SOUTH**

♠ K 5 3  
♥ Q J  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ A Q J 9

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Good, better, best

One of the best measures of a player's skill is the ability to respond properly to an unusual set of circumstances. Consider this deal, which features opportunities for both the offense and the defense.

South reaches three notrump as shown. Let's say he wins the spade lead with dummy's queen and plays a club to the queen, which holds. Declarer then leads a low spade and, after West follows low, finesses the nine! This allows him to repeat the club finesse, West following to the jack with the ten.

South next leads the king of spades to the ace and leads a third club from dummy, this time finessing the nine. As a result of this series of plays, South makes exactly three notrump.

First, let's take a look at the defense. West was guilty of a critical error at trick three when he played low on South's five. He should have played the ten instead,

which would have robbed dummy of the extra entry declarer needed to lead clubs three times from the North hand. Without that additional entry, South would have to go down one.

Now let's examine the offense. South could have made the contract legitimately had he made an unusual play at trick one. Rather than take West's jack of spades with the queen, he should have won with dummy's ace and dropped the king on it!

After taking the first club finesse, South would next lead a low spade toward dummy's Q-9, finessing the nine if necessary and thus assuring the ability to take two more club finesses. West would have been helpless against this sequence of plays, and South would have scored nine untainted tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

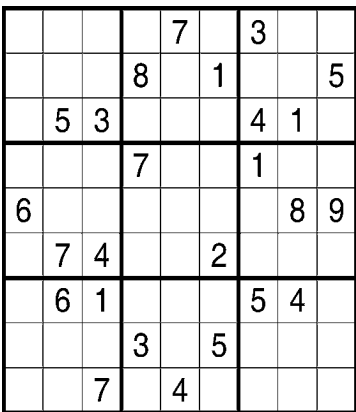
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Yesterday's Jumbles: WHIRL BRINK EXCITE NEGATE  
Answer: His wife and kids didn't sleep well on the boat, and now he was caught — IN THEIR WAKE

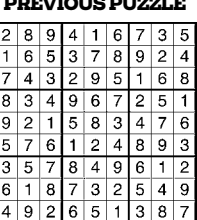
THE YOUNG HORSE WAS BOUGHT BY A FAMILY THAT WAS HAPPY TO ---

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## For Ducharme, best medicine is true blue

As guard rehabs, her UConn hoops family provides perfect remedy

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

Chrissy Ducharme had a moment of realization as she watched her daughter lie in bed post surgery surrounded by her

UConn women's basketball teammates at The Graduate hotel in Storrs. It was late April and Caroline Ducharme had just undergone surgery on her left hip. Paige Bueckers, Aaliyah Edwards, Nika Mühl, Dorka Juhász, Amari DeBerry and Piath Gabriel (now in the transfer portal) were there with balloons and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Mühl got a card that wished a "Happy

Birthday" to Ducharme's "new" hip. Associate athletic trainer Janelle Francisco was there at one point that afternoon too. "It was so moving," Chrissy Ducharme told The Hartford Courant. "I just stopped ... and was like, 'I get it, honey. This is it. This is your family. This is why you're here.'" The Ducharmes had long planned for Caroline to have

the surgery — to repair an injury sustained in high school — following her freshman season. They'd intended for her to have the procedure back home in a Boston hospital with the same doctor who had performed the same surgery on her older sister, Ashley. But after fighting through a season in pain and developing a close bond with

Turn to Ducharme, Page 4



UConn guard Caroline Ducharme drives against Butler on Jan. 12 in Indianapolis. **AJ MAST/AP**

### Inside

UConn to face Florida State in Hall of Fame Showcase. **Page 4**

UCONN BASEBALL

## Transfer leads way as Huskies look to make their mark

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

STORRS — David Smith was hoping to get his sophomore season started at La Salle when he got an urgent group text from his coach.

"It said we're going to be having a meeting with our AD," Smith said. "It was out of nowhere, 10 o'clock in the morning, 45 minutes, mandatory meeting, everybody has to be on there."

On that Zoom call in September 2020, Smith learned baseball was one of seven sports to be discontinued at La Salle.

UConn soon contacted him. Smith decided to transfer in midyear, even though it meant sitting out the 2021 season and being ready to go in 2022 with three years' of eligibility. Like so many of the transfers starting for the current Huskies, Smith needed a home and found it in Storrs.

"The biggest thing he was concerned about, 'Can I get into the batting facility on my own?'" UConn baseball coach Jim Penders said. "I said, '24-7, you're going to have a code,' and he said, 'I'm coming.'"

Smith and catcher Matt Donlan, another midyear transfer, were often in the batting cages early in the morning and late at night as UConn made its run to the Big East championship and the NCAA Tournament last spring. Turned loose on the field this season, Smith is hitting .313 with seven home runs and 41 RBIs, showing a knack for clutch hits and plays, too, with an inside-the-park homer to win an extra-inning game at Butler. He also had a 9-for-16 performance against Xavier to helping the Huskies clinch the regular-season title. He was named Big East player of the week on May 16.

"It's been more than I'd hoped, for sure," Smith said. "Coming in midyear, I didn't really know what to expect, but I found a great group of friends with the junior class and it was an easy transition. The coaches made it easy, too."

For much of this season, things *looked* easy for the Huskies, who were 43-10 going into the final weekend of the season. But at Georgetown this past weekend, they were swept. Now with their RPI at No. 49, they may need to win the Big East Tournament in Ohio this weekend to secure their spot in the NCAA field of 64.

The top-seeded Huskies begin play in the double-elimination format against No. 4 Georgetown in Mason, Ohio,

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### Big East Tournament

At Mason, Ohio (Xavier hosting)

**Thursday**  
**Game 1:** No. 1 UConn vs. No. 4 Georgetown, 10:30 a.m.  
**Game 2:** No. 2 Creighton vs. No. 3 Xavier, 2:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
**Game 3:** Game 1 and 2 losers, 2:30 p.m.; Game 4: Game 1 and 2 winners, 6:30 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
**Game 5:** Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2:30 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
**Game 6:** Championship, noon; Game 7: 3:30 p.m., if necessary

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

# World traveler

After serving as a National Guard medic in Africa, pitcher **Morgan Bolduk** is back for Eastern Connecticut and heading to the Division III World Series

*"Everyone asks me this question and I love it. You kind of take advantage of the small moments rather than the big moments. ... When you come back, you kind of take advantage of just being with them, even if it's just for a season."*

— Morgan Bolduk

Eastern Connecticut softball senior Morgan Bolduk returned from spending most of 2021 in Africa as a medic for the National Guard to pitching for the Warriors, who are heading to the Division III World Series starting Thursday in Salem, Va. **THOMAS R. STANDISH/HANDOUT**

By Lori Riley  
Hartford Courant

It took a few months for Morgan Bolduk to find a baseball to throw on the military base in Africa. Once she did, she began to practice pitching. Bolduk, a senior at Eastern Connecticut State University, had pitched her softball team to the Division III World Series in 2019. The season was canceled in 2020. The Vernon native was deployed as a medic in the National Guard in Africa in 2021, but she knew she would return to school and wanted to be ready.

Bolduk is now the No. 2 pitcher on the Warriors softball team, which is ranked third in the country and headed back to the World Series. ECSU (43-5) will face Trine University on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in a first-round game at Moyer Sports Complex in Salem, Virginia. Alexis Michon, a sophomore transfer from Plymouth State who is from Montville, has been the ace of the staff this season with a 23-1 record, a 0.93 ERA and 189 strikeouts. Bolduk is 12-2 with a 0.74 ERA and has given up nine earned runs in 20 appearances. Carly Stoker, who was the Little East Conference pitcher of the year last year, also pitches but not as much as she did last year. Junior Alyssa Vilchez pitches as well and plays second base. She was named the super regional's most outstanding player. As a staff, Eastern Connecticut is ranked third in ERA nationally (1.21) in Division III. "Aside from a missed spot here or there, our pitching has really dominated," Eastern Connecticut coach Diana Pepin said.

When Bolduk enlisted in the Army National Guard as a freshman in November 2018, she wanted to report on May 30, 2019 when her season would be over. Then she was told her date was May 20. Since her team had experienced three straight losing seasons and lost its first two games in the Little East Conference Tournament, Bolduk never dreamed the Warriors would end up in the World Series that year, but they did. After petitioning the National Guard, her reporting date was changed and she was allowed to go with her team. Although the Warriors lost in the national semifinals, Bolduk was named to the all-tournament team. In 2020, there was no season due to the pandemic. In March 2021, Bolduk was deployed to Africa and spent time at bases in Kenya and Djibouti. She found it easy to stay in shape, but pitching was another story. "In the Army, you're supposed to be in shape," she said. "It was hard because it's not like they

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NHL PLAYOFFS

## 'Canes count on home ice to offset their road woes

By Aaron Beard  
Associated Press

The Carolina Hurricanes have been perfect at home in the Stanley Cup playoffs. They've had to be. The Hurricanes are back in Raleigh for Thursday night's Game 5 against the New York Rangers, looking once again to climb into the lead of a playoff series with the support of a rowdy home crowd. That's because they have lost every road game, the latest coming Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden that allowed the Rangers to even their second-round series. That only shrinks the margin for



Rangers center Frank Vatrano, left, celebrates with goaltender Igor Shesterkin after closing the third period of Game 4 of their second-round series against the Hurricanes on Tuesday in New York. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

### Up next

**Rangers at Hurricanes**  
7 p.m., ESPN

error as the series wears on, even with home-ice advantage.

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YANKEES

## Torres continues to dominate O's pitching

By Matthew Roberson  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — If Gleyber Torres played every game against the Baltimore Orioles, he'd be destined for a plaque in Cooperstown. Unfortunately for Torres, the Orioles only appear on the schedule 19 times a year. And it must be a relief for the O's when the Bombers move on to face another foe. The Yankees infielder not only posts insane offensive statistics against Baltimore every year, he does so in a way that seems aimed at publicly embarrassing the entire franchise. After a two-homer effort

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against his favorite opponent in the Yankees' wild win Tuesday night, Torres was in predictably high spirits. "For sure, I'm feeling good," he said succinctly. Heading into Wednesday's rubber match, the Yankees have a 46-17 record against Baltimore since Torres' debut April 22, 2018. Yes, that entire period coincides with the Orioles' ongoing rebuild, but a .730 winning percentage

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

**Celtics:** Eastern Conference Finals: vs. Miami (Game 6), Friday, 8:30 p.m.; at Miami (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, 8:30 p.m.  
**Rangers:** NHL Second Round: at Hurricanes (Game 5), Thursday, 7 p.m.; vs. Hurricanes (Game 6), Saturday, time TBD; at Hurricanes (Game 7, if necessary), Monday, time TBD  
**Red Sox:** at White Sox, Thursday, 8 p.m.; Orioles, Friday, 7 p.m.; Orioles (2), Saturday, noon  
**Yankees:** at Rays, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; at Rays, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Rays, Saturday, 4 p.m.  
**Mets:** Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.; Phillies, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.; Phillies, Sunday, 7 p.m.  
**Yard Goats:** at Richmond, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; at Richmond, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; at Richmond, Saturday, 6 p.m.  
**Sun:** Wings, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Mystics, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Aces, Tuesday, 10 p.m.  
**Hartford Athletic:** Phoenix, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at El Paso, June 4, 9:30 p.m.; at San Diego, June 11, 10 p.m.

TV/RADIO  
BASEBALL

**10:30 a.m.:** SEC Tournament, Game 9: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC  
**12:30 p.m.:** Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. (Live) MLB  
**2 p.m.:** SEC Tournament, Game 10: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC  
**5 p.m.:** Big 12 Tournament, Game 7: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN  
**5:30 p.m.:** SEC Tournament, Game 11: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC  
**6:30 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB  
**6:30 p.m.:** New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9  
**8 p.m.:** Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080  
**8:30 p.m.:** Big 12 Tournament, Game 8: Teams TBA. (Live) ESPN  
**9 p.m.:** SEC Tournament, Game 12: Teams TBA. (Live) SEC  
**9:30 p.m.:** Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB  
**BASKETBALL**  
**7 p.m.:** Dallas Wings at Connecticut Sun. (Live), NESN+  
**9 p.m.:** Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors. (Live) TNT  
**FOOTBALL**  
**5:30 a.m.:** Sydney Swans vs Richmond Tigers. (Live) FSP  
**GOLF**  
**7:30 a.m.:** DP World Tour Golf Dutch Open, First Round. (Live) GOLF  
**1 p.m.:** Senior PGA Championship First Round. (Live) GOLF  
**4 p.m.:** Charles Schwab Challenge, First Round. (Live) GOLF  
**7 p.m.:** Bank of Hope LPGA Match Play, Day 2. (Live) GOLF  
**HOCKEY**  
**9 a.m.:** IIHF World Championship Teams TBA. (Live) NHL  
**1 p.m.:** IIHF World Championship Teams TBA. (Live) NHL  
**7 p.m.:** New York Rangers at Carolina Hurricanes. (Live) SPRTNET ESPN  
**9:30 p.m.:** Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames. (Live) ESPN  
**9:50 p.m.:** Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames. (Live) SPRTNET  
**2 a.m.:** Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames. (Same-day Tape) ESPN2  
**SOCCER**  
**2:25 p.m.:** Italian Serie B Soccer AC Monza 1912 vs AC Pisa 1909. (Live) FSP  
**SOFTBALL**  
**7 p.m.:** NCAA Tournament: Texas at Arkansas. (Live) ESPN2  
**9:30 p.m.:** NCAA Tournament: Clemson at Oklahoma State. (Live) ESPN2  
**TENNIS**  
**6 a.m.:** Roland-Garros Tennis 2nd Round. (Live) TENNIS  
**2:45 p.m.:** Roland-Garros Tennis 2nd Round. (Live) TENNIS  
**5 a.m.:** Roland-Garros Tennis 3rd Round. (Live) TENNIS



Red Sox relief pitcher Matt Barnes throws during a game against the Orioles on April 30 in Baltimore. JULIA NIKHINSON/AP

RED SOX NOTES

‘Something has to be done’

Texas school shooting was a tragedy that hit home for Sox reliever Barnes

By Peter Abraham  
Boston Globe

CHICAGO — Red Sox reliever Matt Barnes lives in Newtown, not far from where Sandy Hook Elementary School once stood.

His wife, Chelsea, is a physical therapist who has treated people in town who were in the school on Dec. 14, 2012, when 26 people were murdered, 20 of them children.

So the subject of school-age children again falling victim to senseless gun violence resonates with Barnes personally.

When the latest school shooting claimed 21 victims in Texas on Tuesday, Barnes turned to Instagram and reposted passionate comments made by Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., and Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr calling for stricter gun control.

“Something has to be done,” Barnes said Wednesday before the Red Sox played the White Sox. “At what level that is, I don’t have the answer to that. But whether it’s at the federal, state, or local level, something has to be done.”

Barnes feels schools should have better security and that background checks be more thorough for gun buyers.

“That the people who own guns are law-abiding citizens who are mentally stable is very important,” he said. “What Connecticut did after Sandy Hook drastically changed the landscape of gun ownership. There’s a way to protect the Second Amendment in an appropriate and safe manner.”

Barnes was 22 when the Sandy Hook massacre occurred in 2012. He was at UConn visiting his brother when the terrible news broke.

“I knew a lot of the people

involved,” Barnes said. “The house I grew up in was 15 minutes away from there.”

Within baseball, it’s rare when a player, manager or coach speaks out about a politically charged issue. But Barnes felt he needed to give his opinion.

“This one hit really close to home for me,” he said. “It’s terrifying what is happening. It’s sad. There have to be bipartisan steps everyone can agree on.

“I told my wife that this time it seems like a lot more people are being vocal about this.”

**Rotation news:** It’s not official, but Cora acknowledged the Sox have lined up right-hander Josh Winckowski to start the second game of Saturday’s doubleheader against Baltimore at Fenway Park.

“Most likely it’s going to be him,” Cora said.

Winckowski, 23, has a 3.13 ERA in seven starts for Triple A Worcester. He was one of the five players the Red Sox received in the three-team trade that sent Andrew Benintendi to the Royals in 2021.

“Stuff is really good. Stuff is a lot better than last year,” Cora said. “He’s aggressive; he’s not afraid. He has a lot of confidence.”

Winckowski is part of a group of promising starters in the organization that also includes 23-year-old Brayan Bello, 23-year-old Bryan Mata, 25-year-old lefthander Brandon Walter and 20-year-old Wikelman Gonzalez.

“I think we’re deeper in that aspect,” Cora said. “If you look around, that’s something I noticed last year in spring training and this year of course with the guys that we have ... stuff-wise we’re way more ahead than ’18 and ’19 to be honest with you.”

LATE TUESDAY ROUNDUP

Rex Sox pound White Sox 16-3, extend win streak to 6 games

Associated Press

Trevor Story and Christian Vazquez each hit a three-run home run and drove in four runs as the Boston Red Sox set season highs in runs and hits in a 16-3 win over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Story’s homer off Dylan Cease capped a four-run first inning. Vazquez hit a three-run shot off Matt Foster to highlight a six-run sixth. Kike Hernandez hit Cease’s first pitch for a homer, and Rafael Devers led off the fourth with a homer off Jose Ruiz as the Red Sox extended their winning streak to

six games.

The White Sox fell for the fourth time in seven games.

**Yankees 7, Orioles 6:** At New York, Jose Trevino hit a game-ending single in the 11th inning and New York overcame injuries to two All-Stars to end their first three-game skid of the season. Trevino hit his second homer of the season earlier in the game and also had a tying single in the seventh.

He raised his arms as he rounded first, then was swarmed near second base by teammates. The first-year Yankee, acquired just before opening day as a glove-

YANKEES NOTES

Stanton on IL with calf strain, Gallo back from COVID

By Matthew Roberson  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — When Aaron Boone sat down for his pregame news conference Wednesday, the Yankees still had not released their starting lineup for the day. This came on the heels of DJ LeMahieu abruptly getting scratched from the lineup Tuesday and Giancarlo Stanton leaving midgame with a lower-leg malady.

Boone was asked about Stanton, and his initial update was mostly a nothing burger.

“I don’t have a lot for you guys yet,” the manager said. “He just got here and got his MRI. We’re waiting to get that read.”

Then, less than 45 minutes before the game, it was announced Stanton was placed on the 10-day injured list with a right calf strain. Joey Gallo was also reinstated from the COVID IL.

It certainly does not seem Stanton’s injury is very serious, but it was enough for the big man to pull himself out of a tight game in the seventh inning and has now warranted some time on the shelf, something Boone did concede was a possibility before the move was made official.

**No DJ for second day in row:** LeMahieu, who was not in the lineup for Wednesday’s rubber match with Baltimore, spoke at his locker about the left wrist discomfort that has kept him out for the last two games. He was also out of the starting nine on Monday, which Boone said was just a typical rest day.

“I literally just picked up a bat on Monday in the cage before the game and couldn’t swing really,” LeMahieu said. “I don’t remember doing anything. It’s very strange.”

The MRI on his wrist did not show anything alarming and the team doctors gave him a cortisone shot.

“Because there’s nothing on the MRI, I’m hoping this cortisone knocks it right out,” he said.

LeMahieu has not been placed on the IL.

**More injury news:** Another Yankees reliever is going on the IL. This time it’s Jonathan Loaisiga, who joins Chad Green and Aroldis Chapman as members of the Yankees bullpen to go down in the last four days.

“He’s got some shoulder discomfort he’s been dealing with,” Boone said Wednesday afternoon.

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against any major-league team is still mind-boggling.

As for Torres specifically, his individual numbers versus the Orioles keep producing double and triple takes to verify that they are in fact correct.

For his career Torres (who has more plate appearances against the O’s than any other team) boasts a puffy-chested .323/.397/.642 slash line against the Baltimore birds. With 18 homers, 16 doubles and one triple against them, Torres records an extra-base hit roughly once every seven times he steps into the box against a black-and-orange-clad pitcher.

His 1.039 OPS off Orioles pitching is 44 points higher than against any other team that he’s played at least 10 games against. He’s got 47 RBIs and 43 runs scored in 64 games. In short, he becomes an absolute terror every time the Orioles descend on Yankee Stadium or he heads down I-95 to Camden Yards.

Going even deeper, several of Torres’ most bullied pitchers in his career are current or former Orioles.

Against John Means, the team’s ostensible ace of the last four years, Torres is 3-for-8 (.375) with a trio of walks. Mychal Givens,

the longtime Orioles reliever who escaped the team via trade in 2020 and has not faced Torres since, surrendered a 1.200 OPS in 12 plate appearances.

Then there’s poor David Hess. Hess spent 2018-2020 bouncing between the Orioles’ starting rotation and bullpen and is currently in the Rays organization. Torres and Hess have collided 11 times, all while Hess played for Baltimore.

Three of those matchups ended in hits, and they were all home runs. Three other ones resulted in a walk. The only times Hess ever got Torres out were on fly balls to the outfield, all of which Baseball-Reference classifies as “deep.” He was never able to strike Torres out or even get him to hit the ball on the ground.

This season, while the Orioles have actually kept him in check for the most part, Torres has made Bruce Zimmermann the new object of his torment. Both of Torres’ homers Tuesday night came against Zimmermann, whom he now has a 1.625 OPS against in nine meetings.

The whole Torres-versus-Baltimore thing is both a fun look into the inherent randomness of baseball and an interesting demonstration of Torres as a player. When facing teams with a losing record, Torres’ OPS is .830; against teams that are above .500, he shrinks to .746.

GIANTS 9, METS 3

Longoria, Giants tee off on rookie Szapucki

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Evan Longoria homered twice and Joc Pederson hit his fourth in two games as the San Francisco Giants went deep four times in the first two innings off rookie Thomas Szapucki and routed the New York Mets 9-3 Wednesday.

Mike Yastrzemski also homered off Szapucki, a 25-year-old left-hander making his first major league start and second appearance after the Mets summoned him from the minors due to a string of injuries.

New York lost two of three in San Francisco, the Mets’ second series loss in their first 14 series this season. New York had won its previous 14 games following a loss, the third-longest such streak in major league history behind the

1934 New York Giants (16) and 1911 Philadelphia Athletics (15).

The Mets also lost consecutive games for the first time since April 10 and 11. New York overcame an 8-2 deficit Tuesday to take leads of 11-8 and 12-11 before losing 13-12. That was the Mets’ first loss in the 181 games in their history in which they scored 12 runs or more.

Szapucki, who had been at Triple-A Syracuse, got the start because of injuries to Jacob deGrom, Max Scherzer and Tylor Megill. Szapucki allowed nine runs, seven hits and three walks in 1 2/3 innings, leaving him with a 60.75 ERA this season and a 27.00 ERA in his career. His only previous big league appearance was last June 30, when he gave up six runs and seven hits over 3 2/3 innings during a relief appearance in a 20-2 loss at Atlanta.

Following Chris Bassitt’s poor

outing Tuesday, Mets pitchers allowed eight runs in consecutive games for the fourth time after Jonathan Niese and Bartolo Colon in 2015, Dillon Gee and Niese in 2011 and Rick Reed, Al Leiter and Bobby J. Jones in 1999.

Mets left fielder Jeff McNeil, slid face first into the low fence in left field foul territory after catching Donovan Walton’s third-inning fly. McNeil bruised his left knee when hitting the wall, left for a pinch hitter in the fourth and said he anticipates playing Friday.

Longoria, limited this season by a right hand injury, had four RBIs with his first two home runs of the season. He put the Giants ahead with a three-run homer in the first and followed Yastrzemski in the second with the Giants’ second back-to-back homers this year, boosting the lead to 9-0.

first catcher, put his hands on his head and looked around Yankee Stadium in apparent disbelief.

The former Texas Ranger cried during a postgame interview on the field, which he began by directing sympathies to victims of a shooting Tuesday that killed 19 children in a Texas elementary school. The 29-year-old is from Corpus Christi.

“My thoughts and prayers to everybody in Texas,” he said.

The Yankees lost DJ LeMahieu and Giancarlo Stanton, the latest on a growing list of health concerns for the AL’s top team. LeMahieu was scratched shortly before

first pitch with left wrist discomfort, and Stanton was replaced by pinch-hitter Estevan Florial in the seventh due to right calf tightness.

**Giants 13, Mets 12:** At San Francisco, Joc Pederson homered three times and drove in a career-high eight runs, including a tying single with two outs in the ninth inning, and San Francisco outslugged New York. Brandon Crawford hit a game-ending single off closer Edwin Díaz and the Giants — after blowing a late six-run lead — somehow recovered to pull off two improbable comebacks of their own.

— *Staff reports*

REGIONAL DIGEST

Hartford baseball swept in America East Tournament, season comes to an end

The University of Hartford baseball team’s season came to an end Friday with two losses on the opening day of the America East Conference Tournament at Orono, Maine.

The sixth-seeded Hawks lost their opener to No. 3 NJIT 3-2, then were eliminated in a 4-3 loss to No. 5 UMBC later in the evening.

In the opener Hartford (13-37) trailed 2-0 until the ninth, when Noah Rivera and Devon Kellogg opened the inning with back-to-back home runs. The tie was short-lived as NJIT came back in the bottom half of the inning to win on a hit by Paul Franzoni.

In the second game Hartford gave up a 2-1 lead in the second, allowing UMBC to take a 3-2 lead, and couldn’t catch up despite

rallying in the ninth to close the gap to a run.

Center fielder Ben Mayock had four hits in the two games.

**Yard Goats lose at Richmond:** The Hartford Yard Goats left the bases loaded in the ninth inning in losing to the Richmond Flying Squirrels 4-3 in an Eastern League game at Richmond, Va.

The loss snapped a three-game win streak for Hartford (25-16).

Six Richmond pitchers held the Yard Goats to just four hits, seven striking out 11 and issuing seven walks. Jimmy Herron, Ezequiel Tovar and Aaron Schunk each drove in a run for Hartford, while Will Gaddis (1-1) took the loss in relief.



## BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	30	13	.698	—	—	6-4	W-1	16-7	14-6
Tampa Bay	25	17	.595	4 ½	—	6-4	W-1	14-9	11-8
Toronto	23	20	.535	7	—	6-4	W-1	14-8	9-12
Boston	20	22	.476	9 ½	2 ½	8-2	W-6	10-10	10-12
Baltimore	18	26	.409	12 ½	5 ½	4-6	L-1	12-11	6-15

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	27	17	.614	—	—	8-2	L-1	15-9	12-8
Chicago	21	21	.500	5	1 ½	5-5	L-1	9-11	12-10
Cleveland	18	21	.462	6 ½	3	3-7	L-1	8-8	10-13
Detroit	15	28	.349	11 ½	8	5-5	W-1	9-13	6-15
Kansas City	14	28	.333	12	8 ½	2-8	L-6	8-15	6-13

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	28	16	.636	—	—	6-4	W-1	13-6	15-10
Los Angeles	27	17	.614	1	—	5-5	W-3	15-8	12-9
Texas	18	23	.439	8 ½	4	5-5	L-3	10-12	8-11
Oakland	19	27	.413	10	5 ½	4-6	W-2	6-14	13-13
Seattle	18	27	.400	10 ½	6	2-8	L-2	10-9	8-18

### BOX SCORES

#### WASHINGTON 1, L.A. DODGERS 0

LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
T.Turner ss	3	0	1	0	1	.289
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.297
J.Turner 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.203
Rios dh	4	0	1	0	2	.254
Taylor cf-rf	3	0	1	0	1	.248
Muncy 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.150
Lux lf	4	0	1	0	0	.256
Alberto rf	2	1	1	0	0	.244
a-Bellinger cf	2	0	0	0	0	.213
Barnes c	2	0	0	0	1	.235
c-Betts ph	1	0	0	0	1	.290
Smith c	1	0	0	0	0	.252
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hernandez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	.274
Thomas lf	4	0	0	0	1	.205
Soto rf	3	0	0	0	1	.236
Cruz dh	3	0	2	0	0	.227
Bell 1b	3	0	1	0	0	.296
Francis 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.257
Adams c	3	0	0	0	2	.200
Robles cf	1	1	0	0	0	.217
Escobar ss	2	0	1	0	0	.222
b-Hernandez ph1	0	0	0	0	0	.308
Strg-Gordon ss	0	0	0	0	0	.262
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	

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**Washington** 000 001 00x — 1 6 0

a-lined out for Alberto in the 7th.  
b-grounded out for Escobar in the 7th.  
c-struck out for Barnes in the 8th.  
**LOB:** Los Angeles 9, Washington 5.  
**2B:** Taylor (9), Alberto (3), Cruz (3), Franco (11). **RBIs:** Hernandez (10).  
**SB:** T.Turner 2 (10). **CS:** Soto (1).  
**Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 4 (Alberto, Smith, J.Turner, Rios); Washington 3 (Adams, Hernandez 2).  
**RISP:** Los Angeles 0for 9; Washington 2for 10.  
**Runners moved up:** Lux, Bell.  
**LDIP:** Escobar. **GIDP:** T.Turner.  
**DP:** Los Angeles 1(J.Turner, Freeman, J.Turner); Washington 1(Hernandez, Escobar, Bell).

#### LA DODGERS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Urias, L, 3-4	6	4	1	1	3	2	1.49
Almonte	2	2	0	0	0	0	2.12
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>ERA</b>
Fedde, W, 3-3	6	4	0	0	1	6	3.55
Edwards Jr., H, 1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.79
Finnegan, H, 6	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.12
Rainey, S, 4-6	1	1	0	0	1	0	2.84

**IBB:** off Finnegan (Freeman).  
**Umpires:** Home, Ryan Blakney;  
First, Marvin Hudson; Second, Erich Bacchus; Third, Adrian Johnson.  
T: 2:53. **A:** 23,341 (41,339).

#### LATE TUESDAY: ATLANTA 6, PHILADELPHIA 5

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoskins 1b	5	0	1	0	0	.228
Bohm 3b	4	2	1	0	2	.291
Harper dh	5	1	3	4	0	.302
Castellanos rf	5	0	1	0	2	.255
Schwarzb 4f	4	1	1	0	0	.293
Seigwarber 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.203
Realmutu c	3	0	1	1	0	.234
Camargo ss	4	0	1	0	1	.260
Quinn cf	3	1	0	0	2	.171
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	
Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	3	1	2	3	1	.292
Contreras dh	5	0	1	1	3	.262
Ozuna lf	4	0	1	0	2	.232
Heredia lf	0	0	0	0	0	.111
d'Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	2	.261
Olson 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.244
Albies 2b	3	2	3	0	0	.253
Riley 3b	4	0	2	0	2	.238
Duvall cf	3	1	1	0	1	.196
Swanson ss	4	1	3	1	1	.250
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**Philadelphia** 010 001 102 — 5 10 1  
**Atlanta** 020 002 002 — 6 14 0

No outs when winning run scored. **E:** Quinn (1). **LOB:** Philadelphia 9, Atlanta 8. **2B:** Bohm (6), Harper (15), Swanson (8). **HR:** Harper (10), off Jansen; Olson (5), off Norwood. **RBIs:** Realmutu (11), Harper 4(31), Swanson (21), Acuna Jr. 3(8), Olson (16), Contreras (10). **CS:** Albies 2(5). **SF:** Realmutu, Acuna Jr. 2. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 5(Castellanos, Quinn, Camargo, Realmutu 2); Atlanta 3 (Contreras 2, Acuna Jr.). **RISP:** Philadelphia 2for 8; Atlanta 3for 8. **GIDP:** Olson. **DP:** Philadelphia 2(Realmutu, Segura, Realmutu); Camargo, Segura, Hoskins).

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Gibson	5	7	2	2	1	8	3.94
Norwood	0	3	0	2	0	0	8.53
Bellatti	1	0	2	0	2	2	2.19
Hend	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.59
Nelson, L, 1-1	1	3	2	1	0	2	3.38
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Fried	6	5	2	2	2	5	3.27
Smith, H, 4	1	2	1	1	1	3	3.71
Minter, H, 9	1	2	0	0	1	1	1.37
Jansen, W, 3-0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3.86

Norwood pitched to 4batters in the 6th.  
Inherited runners-scored: Bellatti 3-1.  
**IBB:** off Fried (Segura). **WP:** Nelson, PB: d'Arnaud 2(2). **Umpires:** Home, Adam Hamari; First, Shane Livensparger; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt. T: 3:58. **A:** 32,274 (41,084).

### ON THIS DATE

**1916:** Benny Kauff of the Giants was picked off first base three times by Boston's Lefty Tyler. The misceus didn't hurt as New York won its 14th consecutive road victory beating the Braves, 12-1.  
**1925:** In Detroit's 8-1 win over the White Sox, Ty Cobb became the first to collect 1,000 career extra-base hits. He finished his career with 1,139.  
**1929:** Pinch-hitters Pat Crawford of the Giants and Les Bell of the Boston Braves hit grand slams in New York's 15-9 victory.  
**1930:** Joe Sewell of the Cleveland Indians, who fanned only three times in 353 at-bats during the season, was struck out twice in the same game by Pat Caraway of the White Sox.  
**1937:** Billy Sullivan and Bruce Campbell appeared for the Cleveland Indians as pinch hitters. Each hit a home run, making this the first time two American League pinch hitters hit home runs in the same game. The Indians beat the Athletics, 8-6.

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Alcaraz saves match point to remain alive in tourney

Associated Press

PARIS — This was the sort of point in the sort of contest that, if 19-year-old Carlos Alcaraz eventually reaches the heights so many believe he will, the lucky folks on hand at Court Simonne Mathieu on Wednesday night just might regale dinner guests for years with tales that begin, “We were there when ...”

Not, mind you, the match point Alcaraz saved in his second-round French Open marathon against Albert Ramos-Vinolas, a fellow Spaniard who is 15 years his elder.

That one, as necessary as it was to the eventual 6-1, 6-7 (7), 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-4 outcome in the No. 6-seeded Alcaraz’s favor, was rather mundane: a three-stroke exchange that ended with Ramos-Vinolas pushing a nervous-looking forehand into the net while serving for the win at 5-4 in the fourth set.

No, instead, let’s examine what happened on a break point at 4-all in the fifth, with Alcaraz leading, Ramos-Vinolas serving, the crowd holding its breath and the stadium clock already reading 4 hours, 31 minutes.

On the sixth of what would become 15 strokes, Alcaraz tried one of his feathery drop shots. Ramos-Vinolas got to it and responded by sending the ball off the baseline, forcing Alcaraz to race to his left to flick a no-look backhand lob.

Ramos-Vinolas replied with an overhead to that corner, sending Alcaraz well wide of the doubles

alley for another defensive backhand lob. Vinolas-Ramos guided this one to the opposite corner, pushing Alcaraz to his forehand side, so he sprinted, then slid almost into the splits, to retrieve that one.

Yet another lob produced yet another overhead, again back to Alcaraz’s left, and this time he came up with a down-the-line backhand passing shot that Ramos-Vinola volleyed into the net.

Some in the crowd were on their feet during that series of exchanges; all were by the end. Ramos-Vinola chuckled his racket into the net. Alcaraz raised his arms and index fingers to the sky — a gesture for “No. 1,” a spot expected of him one day, perhaps soon — while in the stands his coach, 2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero, pointed to his temples.

Alcaraz wouldn’t cede another point. He had been a point from defeat, been down 3-0 in the fifth set, made 74 unforced errors, accumulated 31 break points but frittered away 23 of them, but none of that mattered.

On a day he was not at his best — never quite able to show off all of the shot-making that carried him to a tour-high four titles and 30-3 record in 2022, and earlier this month made him the first player to beat Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic at the same clay-court tournament — he thought and hustled his way to the finish line.

“At the end of the third set I thought I was going to lose,” Alcaraz said. “I knew I had to



Carlos Alcaraz celebrates winning against Albert Ramos-Vinolas in five sets, 6-1, 6-7 (7-9), 5-7, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, during their second-round match at the French Open on Wednesday at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. **JEAN-FRANCOIS BADIAS/AP**

change something or I would lose.”

The day also included a straight-set victory for defending champion Djokovic and a comeback for No. 3 seed Alexander Zverev from a two-set hole, while 13-time champion Nadal needed to wait for the night session to get on the court.

There was a loss for reigning U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu — the 19-year-old’s French Open debut ended against Aliaksandra Sasnovich with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 defeat — and a 6-2, 6-4 win for Olympic gold medalist Belinda Bencic against 2019 U.S. Open champion Bianca Andreescu.

Seeded Americans Coco Gauff, Amanda Anisimova — who beat Naomi Osaka in the first round — Sebastian Korda and John Isner advanced. So did past Grand Slam champs Angelique Kerber, Victoria Azarenka and Sloane Stephens.



UConn’s David Smith (10) has been a steady presence in the lead-off spot this season. Smith has a .412 on-base percentage with 20 steals in 24 tries. **KELLY SHEEHAN/AP**

Big East

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on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in a start time that was moved up four hours due to anticipated bad weather. The day’s second game between No. 2 Creighton and No. 3 Xavier, the host team, will now start at 2:30 p.m.

“It’s baseball, right?” Smith said. “That’s the first time we’ve faced adversity all year. That was the first series we’d lost the entire year, which is pretty impressive, honestly. Sometimes something like that needs to happen to get a team fired up.”

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound Smith, a three-sport athlete in high school in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, brought versatility and durability to UConn, starting 55 of 56 games as lead-off hitter and second baseman. He’s posted a .412 on-base percentage with 20 steals in 24 attempts and 55 runs scored. He made only seven

errors all season, a .990 fielding percentage.

“This kid just wants to get better,” Penders said. “And he’s using this spring as a launching pad to improve his skills.”

UConn will line up its pitchers as it has all year, with Austin Peterson (9-2, 3.46 ERA), Pat Gallagher (8-3, 3.38) and Enzo Stefanoni (6-1, 2.91) to start the first three games. The Huskies’ ERA, 3.48, grew after they allowed 33 runs in three games in Georgetown’s hitter-friendly park, but the team has a huge run-differential at 455-231.

The Huskies hit 69 home runs in 56 games, depending heavily on the middle of the order, with Ben Huber and Casey Dana each hitting 11 and Donlan and Erik Stock nine.

Peterson, Gallagher, Donlan, Stock and freshman Korey Morton, who hit .443 in 26 games, were all named to the All-Big East first team on Wednesday, Dana, Smith and Stefanoni were named to the second

team.

The Huskies’ postseason resume has been hampered by a schedule that turned out to have less strength than anticipated, but after their sweep of Creighton in late April it looked as if they could be an at-large candidate without winning the conference tournament, or perhaps even a candidate to host one of 16 NCAA regionals. The Georgetown series changed the outlook but not the approach UConn will take this weekend.

“It’s the next championship we can win, and we’re in the championship business,” Penders said. “We’re going to manage it to win it. I can’t be concerned with RPI or what a [selection] committee is going to say on Sunday night. We’ve got a tough bunch of guys. We’re going to bounce back just fine. We got hit in the chops. We’ve got to get up off the mat.”

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Bolduk

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have a softball field in Africa, it’s not a thing for them. I didn’t get to play softball at all, but one point a few months in, we found a couple [of] baseball gloves and a baseball, some and my boyfriend, we started to throw the ball around to get a chance to throw a little bit.

“My coach mailed me a couple [softballs], so I got to throw some in the last month. She was like, ‘I gotta get you ready.’”

Bolduk missed the fall softball season. She missed softball, too.

“A couple girls I hadn’t played with yet, they reached out to me and checked in how I was doing,” she said. “That was really nice.

“I found we were returning toward the beginning of the semester this year, and I reached out to my coach and I was like, ‘Hey, do you think I could possibly play even though I didn’t play in the fall?’”

Of course, Pepin said.

Pepin expected this team to be good.

“Our lineup is absolutely amazing from one [through] nine, a pitcher doesn’t get a break,” Pepin said. “Anyone can hit a home run, a double. There’s no break in our offense. And with the pitching staff we have, it’s a one-two punch. They feed off each other, they support each other, and the defense is making unbelievable plays.”

Brooke Matyasovsky, a senior from Orange who leads the team with 41 home runs, was named as an All-American this week, as was Michon and senior third baseman Julia SanGiovanni of East Haven.

Eastern Connecticut hasn’t won a national championship since 1990, when Pepin, who graduated in 1992, was a player.

The Warriors had to fight their way out of the losers’ bracket in the regionals after losing 3-2 to Kean on May 14. It was their first loss in 22 games.

“It was kind of like, ‘We hate how this feels, and we don’t like

not playing to our best ability,’ so it pushed us even harder,” Bolduk said. “We’re not done with this. We like a challenge. We kept saying, ‘No team can beat us twice.’”

Eastern Connecticut beat Alfred 10-0 the next day in five innings and Kean twice on May 16, 5-1 and 8-0, to advance to the super regionals.

Bolduk still reports to the National Guard once a month, but she has only missed a few games and is good to go for the World Series. She said her experience gave her perspective.

“Everyone asks me this question and I love it. You kind of take advantage of the small moments rather than the big moments,” she said. “When you get to hug your teammates or give them a high five — I didn’t have any contact with my family or friends [in Africa] other than my phone. When you come back, you kind of take advantage of just being with them, even if it’s just for a season.”

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Ducharme

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her teammates, Caroline asked her parents if she could have the surgery at UConn.

This year, Caroline’s first living away from home, has been about trust for Chrissy and Todd Ducharme. Trust that their daughter could make her own decisions. Trust that she could play through the pain. Trust to go about the surgery and rehab process the way she wanted, in UConn’s facilities under the team’s training staff. As Caroline spends each day alongside Juhász, who is rehabbing a fractured left wrist suffered during the NCAA Tournament, it’s clear to them that this was the right call all along.

“Everyone knows rehab can be hard mentally and physically,” Caroline said. “So I think just [Dorka and I] having each other, kind of help each other get through it and help to keep our spirits up has been great.”

Playing through nagging pain

Caroline doesn’t recall exactly when she first hurt her hip, though she thinks it may have been her junior season of high school. The injury progressed over time and was managed with treatment, but it was clear it would need to be addressed eventually.

When the Ducharmes met with UConn team orthopedic physician Dr. Michael Joyce prior to Caroline’s freshman year, they determined she could wait to have surgery without any long-term damage.

“Dr. Joyce was great,” Todd Ducharme recalled, “and said that, ‘Look, unless it’s something that you physically can’t get through or that it is so painful that you just can’t play, then we’ll look at getting the surgery. But until then, we’ll see if we can get through the season and do it right at the end of the season.’”

Caroline wasn’t ever going to admit it was too painful, though. She expressed as much after that appointment, which wasn’t a surprise to her parents. That’s who she is. There’s a certain saying the family has for the 6-foot-2 guard: “She will not be denied.”

But the hip nagged and had an effect on Caroline all season, her parents said. Meanwhile, injuries started to add up for the Huskies. Azzi Fudd and Bueckers both missed significant time starting in December, and Aubrey Griffin was out all season.

Ducharme stepped up to keep the season alive in their absences, averaging 17.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.0 assists from Dec. 11 to Feb. 2, including a game-winning shot at DePaul on Jan. 26. But then Ducharme got hit hard in multiple contests, forcing her to sit out four games from Feb. 4-11. UConn coach Geno Auriemma was vague about the nature of the injury at the time; a head injury was mentioned at one point, but tests didn’t show a concussion.

Phone calls home frequently started with discussing the hip and how much pain Caroline was in. Those conversations were tough for Todd and Chrissy, knowing their daughter was struggling. They’d repeatedly ask if she wanted to continue playing through it, but ultimately knew they had to trust her judgment.

“She was like, ‘I’m gonna do anything and everything to help this team and it doesn’t matter what I’m feeling. This is what I’m gonna do,’” Chrissy recalled.

“That is who she is. ... She’s going to find a way, she’s going to figure it out. She’s going to

scrap, she’s so determined. And she just loves basketball and she loves this team — she’s just immediately fallen in love with all these girls and the coaches and is so committed to it.”

As much of a toll as it took, looking back now, Caroline wouldn’t change the decision.

“It was definitely painful,” Ducharme said. “But I think the way that I was able to attack it throughout the season and keep it together in order to play was really great, and I’m glad I did it. I definitely wouldn’t have wanted to get the surgery before.”

Rehab duo hits new milestones

While all of their teammates have been home visiting families and taking a much-needed break in recent weeks, Ducharme and Juhász have been in Storrs rehabbing their injuries.

“We’re feeling good,” Juhász said. “We made a lot of progress. It’s also been a little bit easier to have each other because obviously our injuries are completely different, but just to have someone there that can every day go to rehab (with you), it can get kinda boring doing the same exercises, so it’s good to have one of your teammates there.”

The duo has developed quite the steady routine. They spend 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at UConn’s facilities working with trainers, coaches and academic staff, spending time with Francisco and director of sports performance Andrea Hudy. The timeline for both players is to be back to working out with the team sometime in August, Auriemma said last week.

Neither Ducharme or Juhász have a car (though it’s not like they could drive anyway with their injuries), so they spend the rest of the time hanging out at their apartments. Nights are for watching WNBA and NBA games. Ducharme often has two or three screens going at once and will send her parents photos or call in excitement over something that happened in the W. They’ve especially enjoyed watching UConn teammates Olivia Nelson-Ododa, on the Los Angeles Sparks, and Evina Westbrook, with the Minnesota Lynx.

They attended a WNBA game in person on Tuesday night, enjoying their first night out courtside as the Connecticut Sun played the Dallas Wings. Juhász had a two month follow up with her doctor earlier in the day and got her cast off, though she still plans to wear it whenever she works out.

“The bones are healing really well,” Juhász said. “So for me it’s kind of just getting the mobility, flexion, you know, everything back to normal. And then once I have that, I’m pretty close to done, and then I can start strengthening. ... Probably I’ll be ready sooner than I think, but just gotta get back the strength, that confidence and building up the muscles around the bone and everything.”

Ducharme also hit a milestone as of late, progressing from two crutches to one. The current focus of her rehab is activating the muscles, so she’s been doing motion work in the pool. She’s been able to put more weight on the left leg, even doing small squats.

Though the rehab process is often repetitive and tedious, Ducharme is starting to feel the day she’s back fully healthy drawing closer and closer.

“Once I was able to get moving” Ducharme said, “It was kind of like, ‘Okay, I can kind of see the light at the end.’”

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UConn Women’s Basketball

Huskies to face Florida State in Basketball Hall of Fame Women’s Showcase at Mohegan Sun

By Lila Bromberg  
Hartford Courant

UConn women’s basketball announced another game on its nonconference schedule for the upcoming 2022-23 season on Wednesday afternoon.

The Huskies will face Florida State in the Basketball Hall of Fame Women’s Showcase on Dec. 18 at Mohegan Sun. The event will also feature a game between Iowa and Villanova.

“We look forward to playing at Mohegan Sun every season,” UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. “The Basketball Hall of Fame always puts on a great event with great games. It should be another exciting experience this year in the Women’s Showcase.”

UConn is 9-0 against Florida State all time, most recently taking a 78-76 victory on Nov. 14,

2016 in Tallahassee, Florida to open the 2016-17 season. The two teams previously faced off in the Hall of Fame Showcase at Mohegan Sun in 2015.

Florida State finished last year with a 17-14 overall mark, including a loss to the Missouri State in the First Four of the NCAA Tournament. The Seminoles will be under a new head coach in 2022-23, as former associate head coach Brooke Wyckoff took over for the recently retired Sue Semrau in late March.

The Huskies’ nonconference slate for the upcoming season also includes the Phil Knight Legacy College Basketball Tournament, which will take place from Nov. 25-27 in Portland, Oregon. The official bracket of the two-day tournament hasn’t been released yet, but the field includes Duke, Iowa and Oregon State.



SCOREBOARD

NBA

**PLAYOFFS**  
**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
#1 **Miami 2**, #2 **Boston 2**  
May 17: Miami 118-107  
May 19: Boston 127-102  
May 21: Miami 109-103  
May 23: Boston 102-82.  
Wednesday: at Miami, late  
Friday: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.  
x-Sunday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
#3 **Golden State 3**, #4 **Dallas 1**  
May 18: Golden State 112-87.  
May 20: Golden State 122-115.  
May 22: Golden State 109-100.  
May 24: Dallas 119-109.  
Thursday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
x-Saturday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.  
x-May 30: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	6	2	.750	—
Chicago	4	2	.667	1
Connecticut	4	2	.667	1
Atlanta	4	3	.571	1½
Indiana	2	7	.222	4½
New York	1	5	.167	4
WESTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	7	1	.875	—
Dallas	5	2	.714	1½
Seattle	3	3	.500	3
Phoenix	2	4	.333	4
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	4½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	5

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULT**  
Phoenix at Los Angeles, late

**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
Dallas at Connecticut, 7p.m.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7p.m.  
New York at Seattle, 10p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
Washington 70, Atlanta 50  
Dallas 85, Connecticut 77  
Chicago 95, Indiana 90  
Minnesota 84, New York 78

GOLF

BANK OF HOPE LPGA MATCH PLAY				
Wednesday's first round in Las Vegas				SCORE
#9Jeongeun Lee6(0-0-1)	vs.	#9 Maude-Aimee Leblanc(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	
#9 Muriya Jutanugarn (0-0-1)	vs.	#9 Ashleigh Buhai(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	
#8Cheyenne Knight (1-0-0)	vs.	#8 Gemma Dryburgh(0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#8 Gaby Lopez (1-0-0)	d.	#8 Chella Choi(0-1-0)	<b>6&amp;5</b>	
#16A Lim Kim (0-0-1)	vs.	#16 Stephanie Meadow(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	
#16 Megan Khang (0-0-1)	vs.	#16 Andrea Lee(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	
#1Minjee Lee (1-0-0)	vs.	#1 Youngjin Chun(0-1-0)	<b>6&amp;5</b>	
#1 Caroline Masson (1-0-0)	vs.	#1 Brittany Altomare(0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#12 Madelene Sagstrom (1-0-0)	d.	#12 Albane Valenzuela(0-1-0)	<b>1up</b>	
#12 Ryann O'Toole (1-0-0)	d.	#12 Wei-Ling Hsu(0-1-0)	<b>1up</b>	
#5 Emma Talley(1-0-0)	vs.	#5 Jennifer Kupcho (0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#5 Lauren Stephenson(1-0-0)	vs.	#5 Stacy Lewis (0-1-0)	<b>1up</b>	
#13Additi Ashok(1-0-0)	vs.	#13Lizette Salas (0-1-0)	<b>3&amp;1</b>	
#13 Hye-Jin Choi (1-0-0)	vs.	#13 Su Oh(0-1-0)	<b>5&amp;4</b>	
#4 Kelly Tan(1-0-0)	d.	#4 Danielle Kang (0-1-0)	<b>7&amp;6</b>	
#4 Eun-Hee Ji(1-0-0)	vs.	#4 Pajjaree Anannarukarn (0-1-0)	<b>4&amp;2</b>	
#10Ayaka Furue (0-0-1)	vs.	#10 P. Roussin-Bouchard(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	
#10 Carlota Ciganda (1-0-0)	vs.	#10 Angel Yin(0-1-0)	<b>2up</b>	
#7 Paula Reto(1-0-0)	vs.	#7 Nanna Koerstz Madsen (0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#7 Elizabeth Szokol(1-0-0)	vs.	#7 Yealimi Noh (0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#15 Jodi Ewart Shadoff(1-0-0)	d.	#15 Ally Ewing (0-1-0)	<b>6&amp;5</b>	
#15 Jasmine Suwannapura(1-0-0)	vs.	#15 So Yeon Ryu (0-1-0)	<b>5&amp;3</b>	
#2 Tiffany Chan(1-0-0)	vs.	#2 Athayya Thitikul (0-1-0)	<b>3&amp;2</b>	
#2 Allison Lee (0-0-1)	vs.	#2 Amy Olson(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	
#11Annie Park(1-0-0)	vs.	#11 Georgia Hall (0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#11 Perrine Delacour(1-0-0)	vs.	#11 Mina Harigae (0-1-0)	<b>4&amp;3</b>	
#6 Hannah Green (1-0-0)	vs.	#6 Haeji Kang(0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#6 Jenny Shihn(1-0-0)	vs.	#6 Sophia Popov (0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#14 Lilia Vu(1-0-0)	vs.	#14 Charley Hull (0-1-0)	<b>5&amp;3</b>	
#14Ariya Jutanugarn (1-0-0)	vs.	#14 Esther Henseleit(0-1-0)	<b>2&amp;1</b>	
#3 Allison Corpuz(1-0-0)	d.	#3 Hyo Joo Kim (0-1-0)	<b>3&amp;2</b>	
#3Maitlea Castron (0-0-1)	vs.	#3 Sarah Schmelzel(0-0-1)	<b>tied</b>	

SEASON TOP-10 FINISHES

PGA TOUR	T10	1	2	3
Justin Thomas	8	1	0	2
Scottie Scheffler	7	4	1	0
Sam Burns	6	2	1	0
Patrick Cantlay	6	1	2	0
Matt Fitzpatrick	6	0	1	0
Collin Morikawa	6	0	2	0
Will Zalatoris	6	0	2	0
Keegan Bradley	5	0	1	0
Sungjae Im	5	1	0	0
Hideki Matsuyama	5	2	0	1
Rory McIlroy	5	1	1	0
Seamus Power	5	0	0	1
Jon Rahm	5	1	1	1
Davis Riley	5	0	1	0
Cameron Smith	5	2	0	1
Cameron Young	5	0	3	2
Talor Gooch	4	1	0	0
Lanto Griffin	4	0	0	1
Adam Hadwin	4	0	0	0
Tom Hoge	4	1	1	0
Billy Horschel	4	0	20	
Viktor Hovland	4	1	1	0
Kevin Kisner	4	0	1	1
Keith Mitchell	4	0	1	
Cameron Tringale	4	0	1	1
Gary Woodland	4	0	0	1

PGA CHAMPIONS

	T10	1	2	3
Steven Allen	6	2	2	1
Retief Goosen	6	1	0	1
Miguel Angel Jiménez	6	2	0	1
David Toms	6	0	1	0
Ernie Els	5	0	0	1
Bernhard Langer	5	1	1	0
Stephen Ames	4	0	0	2
Rod Pampling	4	0	0	1
Tim Petrovic	4	0	1	0

ODDS

MLB	THURSDAY			
NATIONAL LEAGUE	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Chi. Cubs	-120	at Cincinnati	+102	
Colorado	Off	at Washington	Off	
at Atlanta	-132	Philadelphia	+112	
at St. Louis	-130	Philadelphia	+110	
LA Dodgers	-175	at Arizona	+155	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	at Tampa Bay	Off	NY Yankees	Off
at Detroit	Off	Cleveland	Off	
at Minnesota	-184	Kansas City	+154	
Boston	Off	at Chi. Wh. Sox	Off	
at LA Angels	-158	Toronto	+134	
at Oakland	-132	Texas	+112	

NBA PLAYOFFS	THURSDAY			
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Golden State	7 (215½)		Dallas	
ODDS TO WIN SERIES				
Golden State	-3500	Dallas	+1500	

NHL CUP PLAYOFFS	THURSDAY			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE	
at Carolina	-152	NY Rangers	+126	
at Calgary	-152	Edmonton	+125	
ODDS TO WIN SERIES				
Carolina	-145	NY Rangers	+125	
Edmonton	-565	Calgary	+400	
For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook.				
https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/				

NHL

**STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS**  
**SECOND ROUND**  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Carolina 2, N.Y. Rangers 2  
May 18: Carolina 2-1 (OT)  
May 20: Carolina 2-0  
May 22: at N.Y. Rangers 3-1  
May 24: N.Y. Rangers 4-1  
Thursday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Saturday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA  
x-May 30: at Carolina, TBA

Tampa Bay 4, Florida 0  
May 17: Tampa Bay 4-1  
May 19: Tampa Bay 2-1  
May 22: Tampa Bay 5-1  
May 23: Tampa Bay 2-0.

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Edmonton 3, Calgary 1  
May 18: Calgary 3-6  
May 20: Edmonton 5-3.  
May 22: Edmonton 4-1.  
May 24: Edmonton 5-3.  
Thursday: at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.  
x-Saturday: at Edmonton, TBA  
x-May 30: at Calgary, TBA

Colorado 3, St. Louis 1  
May 17: Colorado 3-2 (OT)  
May 19: St. Louis 4-1  
May 21: Colorado 5-2  
May 23: Colorado 6-3.  
Wednesday: at Colorado, late  
x-Friday: at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
x-May 29: at Colorado, TBA

2022 PLAYOFF GOAL LEADERS

TOTAL GOALS	TEAM	GP	G	G/G
Evander Kane	EDM	11	12	1.09
David Perron	STL	10	9	0.90
Jake Guentzel	PIT	7	8	1.14
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	11	7	0.64
Zach Hyman	EDM	11	7	0.64
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	6	7	1.17
Ryan O'Reilly	STL	10	7	0.70
Chris Kreider	NYR	11	6	0.55
Connor McDavid	EDM	11	6	0.55
T.J. Oshie	WSH	6	6	1.00
Carter Verhaeghe	FLA	10	6	0.60
SHORTHANDED	TEAM	GP	+/-	SHG
Rasmus Andersson	CGY	11	-6	1
Anthony Cirelli	TBL	11	-1	1
Andrew Cogliano	COL	5	1	1
Andrew Copp	NYR	11	4	1
Charlie Coyle	BOS	7	-7	1
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	11	5	1
Zach Hyman	EDM	11	2	1
David Kampf	TOR	7	3	1
Alexander Kerfoot	TOR	7	1	1
Chris Kreider	NYR	11	-2	1
Darnell Nurse	EDM	10	9	1
Evan Rodrigues	PIT	7	-2	1
Brendan Smith	CAR	11	1	1
POWER PLAY	TEAM	GP	EV	PPG
Ryan O'Reilly	STL	10	3	4
T.J. Oshie	WSH	6	2	4
David Perron	STL	10	5	4
GAME-WINNING GOALS	GP	WG	SG	
Chris Kreider	NYR	11	3	34
Carter Verhaeghe	FLA	10	3	22
Ross Colton	TBL	11	2	24
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	11	2	44
Evander Kane	EDM	11	2	46
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	6	2	27
Joe Pavelski	DAL	7	2	18
David Perron	STL	10	2	37
through Tuesday				
hockey-reference.com				

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	5	1	0	.833	132	105
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	141	153
Michigan	1	5	0	.167	104	113
Pittsburgh	1	5	0	.167	76	138
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	6	0	0	1.000	162	109
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	136	101
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	112	134
Houston	1	5	0	.167	132	142

**WEEK 7**  
**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, noon  
New Orleans at Michigan, 9p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 2p.m.  
Philadelphia at Houston, 6 p.m.

**WEEK 8**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**  
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 8p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
New Orleans at Birmingham, 3p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**  
Michigan at Philadelphia, noon  
Houston at Tampa Bay, 4p.m.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS 500 LINEUP

Race Sunday at Indianapolis Ind.)  
Motor Speedway  
PP # DRIVER MK MPH

**Row 1**  
1 9 Scott Dixon D-H 234.046  
2 10 Alex Palou D-H 233.499  
3 21 Rinus VeeKay D-C 233.385

**Row 2**  
4 33 Ed Carpenter D-C 233.080  
5 8 Marcus Ericsson D-H 232.764  
6 1 Tony Kanaan D-H 232.372

**Row 3**  
7 5 Pato O'Ward D-C 232.705  
8 7 Felix Rosenqvist D-C 232.182  
9 28 Romain Grosjean D-H 231.999

**Row 4**  
10 51 Takuma Sato D-H 231.670  
11 12 Will Power D-C 231.534  
12 48 Jimmie Johnson D-H 231.264

**Row 5**  
13 18 David Malukas D-H 231.607  
14 2 Josef Newgarden D-C 231.580  
15 23 Santino Ferrucci D-C 231.508

**Row 6**  
16 60 Simon Pagenaud D-H 231.275  
17 11 JR Hildebrand, D-C 231.112  
18 20 Conor Daly D-C 230.999

**Row 7**  
19 77 Callum Ilott D-C 230.916  
20 27 Alexander Rossi D-H 230.812  
21 15 Graham Rahal D-H 230.766

**Row 8**  
22 24 Sage Karam D-C 230.464  
23 98 Marco Andretti D-H 230.345  
24 29 Devlin DeFrancescoD-H 230.326

**Row 9**  
25 26 Colton Herta D-H 230.235  
263Scott McLaughlin D-C 230.154  
27 06 Helio Castroneves D-H 229.630

**Row 10**  
28 14 Kyle Kirkwood D-C 229.406  
29 4 Dalton Kellett D-C 228.916  
30 (6 Juan P Montoya D-C 228.622

**Row 11**  
31.30 Christian LundgaardD-H 227.053  
32 45 Jack Harvey D-H 226.851  
33.25 Stefan Wilson D-C no speed  
C-Chevrolet; H-Honda

INDYCAR POINTS STANDINGS

DRIVER	EV	W	PD	PP	PT
Will Power	5	0	2	1	170
Alex Palou	5	0	3	0	156
Scott McLaughlin	5	1	2	1	152
Josef Newgarden	5	2	2	0	140
Scott Dixon	5	0	0	0	133
Colton Herta	5	1	1	1	132
Patricio O'Ward	5	1	1	0	126
Marcus Ericsson	5	0	1	0	117
Romain Grosjean	5	0	1	0	114
Rinus VeeKay	5	0	1	1	113
Simon Pagenaud	5	0	1	0	109
Graham Rahal	5	0	0	0	98
Takuma Sato	5	0	0	0	87
Felix Rosenqvist	5	0	0	1	85
Alexander Rossi	5	0	0	0	81
Conor Daly	5	0	0	0	80
Christian Lundgaard	5	0	0	0	79
Helio Castroneves	5	0	0	0	71
David Malukas	5	0	0	0	62
Callum Ilott	5	0	0	0	61
Jack Harvey	4	0	0	0	61
Jimmie Johnson	5	0	0	0	59
Kyle Kirkwood	5	0	0	0	51
Devlin DeFrancesco	5	0	0	0	42
Tatiana Calderon	4	0	0	0	41
Dalton Kellett	5	0	0	0	35
Santino Ferrucci	1	0	0	0	22
Ed Carpenter	1	0	0	0	18
J.R. Hildebrand	1	0	0	0	17
Juan P. Montoya	1	0	0	0	6




TENNIS

**126TH FRENCH OPEN**  
Wednesday at Stade Roland Garros, Paris, Red clay-outdoors  
**MEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND**  
#1 Novak Djokovic d. Alex Molcan, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6(4).  
#3 Alexander Zverev d. Sebastian Baez, 2-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.  
#5 Rafael Nadal d. Corentin Moutet, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.  
#6 Carlos Alcaraz d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-1, 6-7(7), 5-7, 7-6(2), 6-4.  
#9 Felix Auger-Aliassim d. Camilo Ugo Carabelli, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.  
#10 Cameron Norrie d. Jason Kubler, 6-3,






WEATHER

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

SUNDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

MONDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and comfortable. South wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH 75°  
LOW 61°

Mostly cloudy, a late day shower or thunderstorm is possible.

HIGH 80°  
LOW 66°

Chance for a few showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 77°  
LOW 59°

Partly sunny and a bit warmer.





HIGH 80°  
LOW 59°

Partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 86°  
LOW 63°

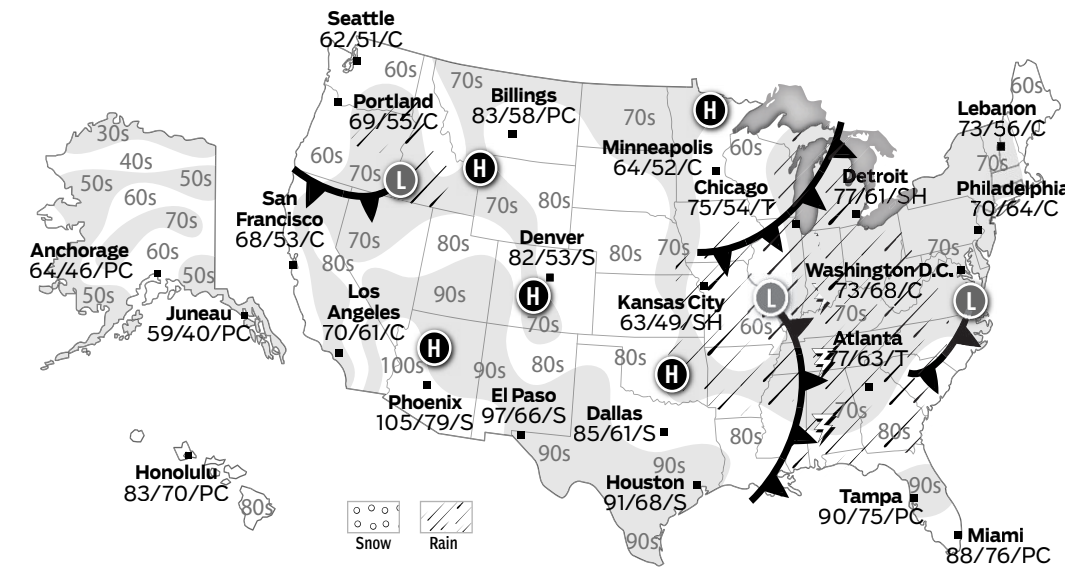
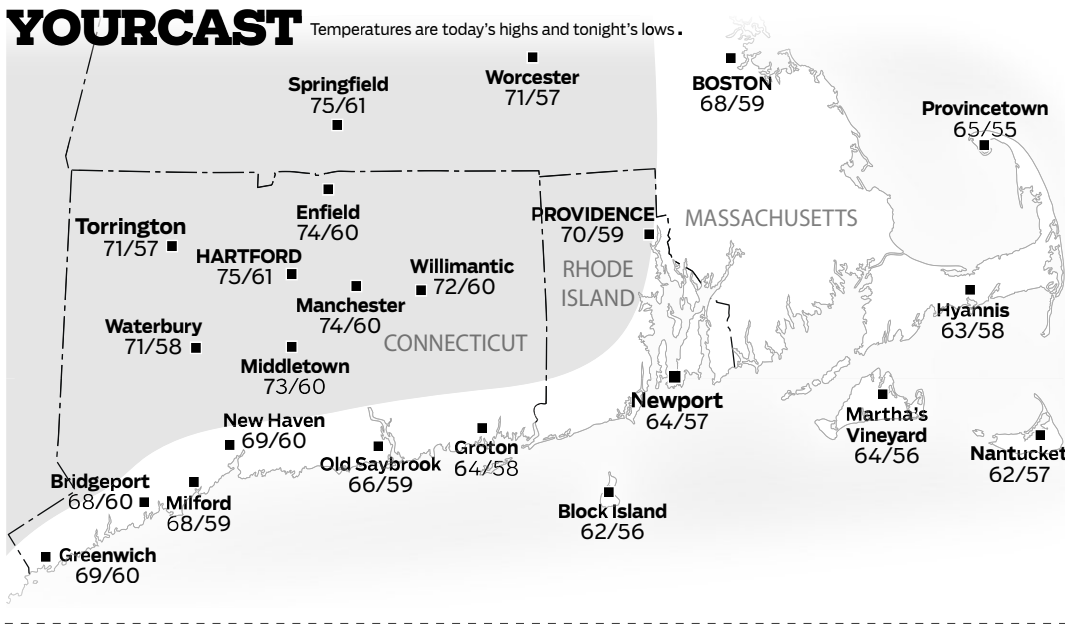
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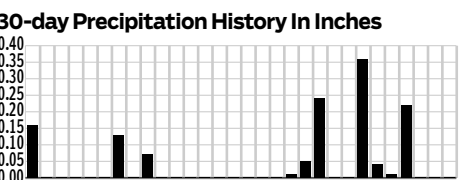
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted another active Atlantic Hurricane Season this year. The season runs from June 1st to November 30th. They forecast a 65 percent chance for an above normal season. NOAA is calling for 14 to 21 named storms, of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes. There could be 3 to 6 major hurricanes of category 3 or higher which has winds of 111 mph or higher. Their reasoning is the ongoing La Nina, warm waters in the Atlantic and the Caribbean, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds and enhanced west African monsoon.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.13
Month to date	1.13	3.01
Total this year	15.83	17.11

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 43

Very high 8

Moderate Trees and grasses 52°

Air Quality Today

Ultraviolet Index Today

Pollen Count Yesterday

Wind Chill Today

Today Tomorrow

Sunrise 5:22 a.m. 5:21 a.m.

Sunset 8:13 p.m. 8:14 p.m.

Moonrise 3:32 a.m. 3:54 a.m.

Moonset 4:35 p.m. 5:40 p.m.

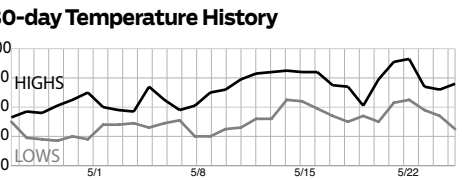
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:16 a.m. 7:42 p.m.	1:37 a.m. 1:35 p.m.	59°
Saybrook Jetty	8:27 a.m. 8:53 p.m.	2:27 a.m. 2:28 p.m.	60°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:10 a.m. 11:36 p.m.	6:13 a.m. 6:14 p.m.	
Madison	8:48 a.m. 9:08 p.m.	2:39 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	63°
New Haven	9:08 a.m. 9:28 p.m.	3:03 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	65°
Stamford	9:12 a.m. 9:32 p.m.	3:17 a.m. 3:27 p.m.	62°

River Stage at Hartford: 3.82 feet at 4:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	SE, 5-10	SE, 5-10	SE, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Wednesday	76 at 3:39 p.m.	45 at 4:29 a.m.
Normal for date	74	51
Record for date	93 in 2007	33 in 1956
A year ago	77	50
Range this year	93	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 25	5304	5826	5362



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.40 at 8 a.m.	30.30 at 5 p.m.
Dew point	48° at 1 p.m.	42° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor 63 53 C  
Burlington 73 63 C  
Caribou 65 49 C  
Concord 73 55 PC  
Montpelier 70 57 C  
Mt. Wash. 49 46 C  
Portland 64 55 PC  
Woods Hole 62 56 PC

NATION

Albany 73 61 PC  
Albuquerque 89 60 S  
Atlantic City 68 63 C

Baltimore 69 63 C  
Bismarck 79 49 PC  
Boise 87 58 PC  
Buffalo 73 63 C  
Charleston 86 72 C  
Cincinnati 74 58 T  
Cleveland 79 64 SH  
Indianapolis 73 57 T  
Jacksonville 88 71 PC  
Las Vegas 103 78 S  
Miami Beach 85 78 PC  
Milwaukee 73 50 SH

Nashville 76 59 T  
New Orleans 85 68 PC  
New York 69 62 PC  
Oklahoma City 73 54 PC  
Omaha 63 49 PC  
Orlando 91 72 PC  
Pittsburgh 78 63 C  
Raleigh 81 68 C  
St. Louis 71 57 T  
Salt Lake City 92 63 PC  
San Antonio 93 70 S  
San Diego 67 63 C

WORLD

Amsterdam 64 54 SH  
Athens 90 66 S  
Bangkok 78 63 C  
Barbados 86 75 PC  
Beijing 93 68 S  
Beirut 82 67 PC  
Berlin 70 55 C  
Bermuda 77 69 PC  
Budapest 78 56 PC  
Buenos Aires 59 48 C  
Cairo 92 67 S  
Cancun 88 76 T  
Dubai 97 81 PC  
Edinburgh 63 45 PC  
Helsinki 59 45 SH  
Hong Kong 84 79 SH  
Istanbul 81 64 C  
Jerusalem 84 63 S  
Johannesburg 75 46 S  
Kingston 91 75 PC  
Lisbon 90 64 PC  
London 70 55 C  
Madrid 79 57 S  
Mexico City 93 73 PC  
Milan 81 63 R  
Montreal 75 68 SH  
Moscow 66 52 S  
Nassau 88 77 SH  
New Delhi 100 81 PC  
Paris 70 54 C  
Prague 72 54 C  
Rio de Janeiro 84 64 SH  
Rome 93 70 C  
Seoul 75 61 S  
Singapore 95 79 S

Stockholm 59 45 SH  
Sydney 70 52 PC  
Tel Aviv 79 62 PC  
Tokyo 77 61 C  
Toronto 75 59 T  
Vancouver 63 50 R  
Warsaw 68 52 SH

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

TUESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL
CRAL CIVIC LEADERSHIP 3, MLC 2 M 000-100-1-2-4-0 CL 001-000-2-3-8-0 WP: Raymon Reyes. LP: Markel Gooden. Rec.: CL-5-14; M-3-13.

SOFTBALL
Others CANTON 7, WAMOGO/LITCHFIELD 2 WL 000-000-2-2-6-2 C 032-110-x-7-10-3 WP: Alice Butterfield. LP: Diana Squires. Rec.: C-11-7; WL-4-14. Note: Butterfield had 10 strikeouts. Olivia Daigneault was 2-for-3 with a double, 2RBI and Erin Mackin was 3-for-4 for Canton.

Conference Tournaments CCC-Quarterfinals MALONEY 8, GLASTONBURY 7 (11) M 010-030-110-02-8-15-1 G 200-001-210-01-7-14-1 WP: Isabelle Smith. LP: Brooke Tracy. HR: M-Haley Jensen, Avery Benigni, Madison LaValle. Rec.: M-16-5; G-18-3. Note: LaValle was 4-for-6 with 3RBI and Morgan Pelletier had a double, 2 RBI. Tracy had 12strikeouts and was 3-for-5 with 2RBI. Sadie Scurto added 3hits for Glastonbury.
BOYS LACROSSE
Conference Tournaments ECC-Semifinal (Ledyard HS) WATERFORD 14, BACON ACADEMY 6

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Conference Tournaments CCC-Quarterfinal SOUTHLINGTON 3, NEWINGTON 0 (25-12, 25-17, 25-24) S: Ben Roper, 35assists, 7digs, 6aces, Cameron Stanton, 12kills, 3digs, ; N: Trey Guest, 17kills, 5 blocks, Jake Lawless, 24assists. Rec.: S-16-4; N-12-9.

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS
BASEBALL
CCC-East ENFIELD 6, SOUTH WINDSOR 4 SW 000-040-0-4-6-0 E 130-200-x-6-7-3 WP: Bryce DiPiero. LP: Sam Pines. Rec.: E-12-8; SW-3-17. Note: Ryan Dennis had a double, 2 RBI and Anthony Noke was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Enfield. Drew Mabey was 4-for-4 with a run scored for South Windsor.

CCC-West SIMSBURY 6, AVON 5 CCC-Inter BRISTOL EASTERN 6, WETHERSFIELD 3 BE 103-000-2-6-8-0 W 102-000-0-3-5-2 WP: Jaydon Churchill. LP: Chris Morales. Rec.: BE-8-11; W-15-5. ROCKY HILL 3, LEWIS MILLS 0 WP: Ben Centurelli. LP: Austin Ouellette. Rec.: RH-14-6; LM-12-8. RHAM 18, HARTFORD PUBLIC/HMTCA 0 NEWINGTON 14, MIDDLETOWN 4 Others FARMINGTON 14, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 0 WINDSOR 7, EAST GRANBY 2
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Conference Tournaments ECC-Quarterfinal WATERFORD 5, BACON ACADEMY 0 W 140-000-0-5-5-0 BA 000-000-0-0-7-3 WP: Jack Lathrop. LP: Jack Novak. Rec.: W-15-7; BA-17-4. Note: Luke Penella had 2hits for Bacon. Anthony Jessuck had a 2-run double for Waterford. Bacon had bases loaded with 1out in the bottom of the 2nd, but Lathrop pitched out of it without allowing a run.
SOFTBALL
CCC-North WETHERSFIELD 5, NEWINGTON 4

Others CANTON 16, LEWIS MILLS 3 WP: Lyla O'Connor. LP: Eliza Criss. Rec.: C-12-7; LM-2-18. Note: Erin Mackin was 2-for-2 with a triple, double, 4RBI and Joy Shand was 1-for-3 with 3runs scored for Canton. Amelia Gawitt was 2-for-3 with 2RBI for Lewis Mills. STAFFORD 20, WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 1 (5) NEW BRITAIN 26, PRINCE TECH 2 HARTFORD PUBLIC 16, WEAVER 4 Conference Tournaments CCC-Semifinals ENFIELD 4, MALONEY 3 M 010-020-0-3-5-0 E 001-102-x-4-9-4 WP: Tiffany Lubanski. LP: Isabella Smith. Rec.: E-18-6; M-16-6. Note: Lubanski allowed 3 unearned runs on shifts with 4strikeouts and had a double, RBI at the plate. Taylor Lathrop was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Enfield. Madison LaValle had a double, 2RBI and Avery Benigni had a double for Maloney.
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BOYS LACROSSE
Others MIDDLETOWN 15, VINAL TECH/GOODWIN TECH 4

GIRLS LACROSSE
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CCC-North FARMINGTON 13, SOUTH WINDSOR 12 (OT) Goals: F-Liz Neri (5), Jen Austin (5), Abby Finn (2), Lile Chekas; SW-Maliya Haddock (5), Carly Pitruzzello (2), Emma Lamica (2), Tori Jarvis, Haley Deputla, Olivia Mogor. Saves: F-Lindsey Hillenmeier, 7; SW-Clara Styles, 7. Rec.: F-13-3; SW-12-3. Neri scored the game winner 2:13 into overtime. Haddock scored twice in the final 28seconds of regulation to send the game into OT. CCC-Central NEWINGTON 7, TOLLAND 5 Goals: N-Halley Gaydos (4), Maeve Gunning (3); T-Allie Cyr, Kaia Joffray, Mollie Pacheco, Avery Greene, Ruby Graham. Saves: N-Kaleigh Tsakiris, 9; T-Kelis Hurst, 9. Rec.: N-12-4; T-10-6. CCC-Inter CONARD 17, EAST CATHOLIC 3 Others ENFIELD 14, NEW LONDON 6
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Others WETHERSFIELD 3, NFA 1 (25-16, 25-17, 22-25, 25-20) W: Andrew Knapp, 28kills, Anduei Xhelaj, 41 assists. Rec.: W-8-12; N-5-14.

Rancourt, 15kills, 4digs, 3aces, John Bellafronte, 11kills, 1block; NB: Lexus Sanchez, 14kills, Davin Siharath, 31assists. Rec.: E-16-3; NB-13-8.
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CCC-Semifinals CHESHIRE 3, XAVIER 2 SHELTON 3, HAND 0
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BOYS GOLF
CCC-South BRISTOL CENTRAL 166, BRISTOL EASTERN 212 Medalist: Scott Petrosky, Bristol Central, 35at Pequabuck GC, Bristol. NCCC SOMERS 178, GRANBY 189 Medalist: Gabe Kukulka, Somers, 40at Grassmere CC, Enfield.

Shoreline HALE-RAY 187, OLD LYME 189, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 196 Medalist: Luke Karpiej, Hale-Ray, 39at Black Hall Club, Old Lyme. CTC VINAL TECH 199, WOLCOTT TECH 213, KAYNOR TECH 242 SCC CHESHIRE 159, FAIRFIELD PREP 168 NORTH HAVEN 187, LYMAN HALL 238
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Others ELLINGTON 169, E.O. SMITH 190 Medalist: Bradley Sawka, Ellington, 36at Ellington Ridge CC. GUILDFORD 162, MORGAN 174 Medalist: Andrew Beauton, Guilford, 37at Clinton CC. RHAM 151, NFA 175
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GIRLS GOLF
CCC-East EAST CATHOLIC 199, SOUTH WINDSOR 209 Medalist: Olivia Agnelli, East Catholic, 47at Minnechaug GC, Glastonbury. MANCHESTER 207, EAST HARTFORD 271 Medalist: Alyssa Eisele, Manchester, 48at East Hartford GC. CCC-West HALL 183, CONARD 213 Medalists: Annie DeSanto and Meredith Norton, Hall, 43at Rockledge GC, West Hartford. SIMSBURY 193, FARMINGTON 226 SCC CHESHIRE 183, LAURALTON HALL 213 Medalist: Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 39at Oronoque CC, Stratford.

Others SUFFIELD 220, BACON ACADEMY 251
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BOYS TENNIS
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CCC-South BERLIN 7, PLAINVILLE 0 CCC-Inter AVON 7, BRISTOL EASTERN 0 WETHERSFIELD 6, EAST CATHOLIC 1 Others FARMINGTON 7, LITCHFIELD 0 HAND 5, WESTON 2
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GIRLS TENNIS
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CCC-East TOLLAND 6, E.O. SMITH 1 CCC-West GLASTONBURY 4, AVON 2 CCC-Inter EAST CATHOLIC 7, BRISTOL EASTERN 0 MALONEY 6, SOUTH WINDSOR 1
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Others NEW BRITAIN 4, WILCOX TECH 3 FARMINGTON 6, LITCHFIELD 1
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THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
BASEBALL

CCC-Inter: Conard at Middletown, 3:45p.m.; Bloomfield co-op at Bristol Eastern, 3:45p.m. Conference Tournaments SCC-Final (Piurek Field, West Haven): Fairfield Prep vs. Xavier, 6p.m.
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SOFTBALL
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Others: Plainville at Canton, 3:45p.m. Conference Tournaments Shoreline-Final (Morgan HS): North Branford vs. Old Lyme, 4p.m. CRAL-Final: Civic Leadership/Aerospace at Parish Hill, 3:30p.m.
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BOYS LACROSSE
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Conference Tournaments Shoreline-Final (Indian River Complex, Clinton): Morgan vs. Haddam-Killingworth, 7p.m. SCC-Final (Ken Strong Stadium, West Haven): Cheshire vs. Fairfield Prep, 7:30p.m.
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GIRLS LACROSSE
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Conference Tournaments Shoreline-Final (Indian River Complex, Clinton): North Branford vs. Old Saybrook, 5p.m. SCC-Final (Ken Strong Stadium, West Haven): Cheshire vs. Guilford, 5:30p.m.
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BOYS VOLLEYBALL
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Conference Tournaments CCC-Semifinals: Southington vs. Simsbury/Glastonbury winner; South Windsor/Farmington winner vs. Enfield
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BOYS GOLF
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CCC-South: Middletown at Plainville, 3p.m. CCC-East: Manchester at East Catholic, 2:30 p.m.; Enfield at South Windsor, 3p.m. NCCC: Stafford at SMSA/HMTCA, 2:15p.m.; Somers at Coventry, 2:45p.m.; East Granby at Suffield, 3p.m. Shoreline: Haddam-Killingworth at Hale-Ray, 3p.m. SCC: Lyman Hall at East Haven, 2p.m. ECC: Bacon Academy at Fitch, 2:45p.m. Others: Morgan at Hand, 2:30p.m.; Platt, Wilcox Tech at Maloney, 3p.m.; Coginchau at Notre Dame-West Haven, 3p.m.; E.O. Smith, Portland at Tolland, 3p.m.
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GIRLS GOLF
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CCC-South: Berlin at New Britain, 3p.m. CCC-Inter: Lewis Mills at Conard, 3p.m.; Manchester at Newington, 3p.m. SCC: Hand at Lauralton Hall, 2:30p.m. ECC: Bacon Academy at Woodstock Academy, 2p.m. Others: St. Paul at Canton, 3p.m.
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WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS
BASEBALL

America East Tourney-Double Elimination (Orono, Maine) NJIT 3, HARTFORD 2 UMBC 4, HARTFORD 3
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THURSDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL
Big East Tourney-Double Elimination (Mason, Ohio) Georgetown vs. UConn, 10:30a.m. NEC Tourney-Double Elimination (Norwich) Central vs. Bryant, 4p.m. MAAC Tourney-Double Elimination (Pomona, N.Y.) Rider vs. Fairfield, 11a.m.

SOFTBALL
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NCAA Div. III Tourney-Finals (Salem, Va.) Bracket Play (Double Elimination) Eastern vs. Trine, 6:30p.m.
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BIG EAST BASEBALL
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Standings	Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
	UConn	16-5	.762	43-13	.768
	Creighton	15-5	.750	30-16	.652
	Xavier	13-8	.619	31-25	.554
	Georgetown	11-10	.524	32-21	.604
	Villanova	8-12	.400	19-29-1	.398
	St. John's	7-12-1	.375	22-32-1	.409
	Seton Hall	7-13	.350	18-35	.340
	Butler	4-16-1	.214	20-35-1	.366

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Big East Tourney-Double Elimination (Mason, Ohio) Georgetown vs. UConn, 10:30a.m. Xavier vs. Creighton, 2:30p.m.
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EASTERN LEAGUE
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Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast	26	14	.650	-
Somerset	25	15	.625	1
Hartford	21	20	.512	5.5
Portland	17	22	.436	8.5
New Hampshire	17	23	.425	9
Reading	13	26	.333	12.5
Binghamton	W	L	PCT	GB
Southwest	24	16	.600	-
Akron	22	18	.550	2
Erie	22	18	.550	2
Richmond	20	21	.488	4.5
Altoona	18	22	.450	6
Harrisburg	10	24	.293	9
Bowie	14	24	.368	9

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

ALTOONA 7, HARRISBURG 1 PORTLAND 7, SOMERSET 4 HARTFORD AT RICHMOND, LATE ERIE AT BOWIE, LATE NEW HAMPSHIRE AT AKRON, LATE BINGHAMTON AT READING, LATE
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THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Somerset at Portland, 6p.m. Hartford at Richmond, 6:30p.m. Altoona at Harrisburg, 6:30p.m. Erie at Bowie, 6:30p.m. New Hampshire at Akron, 6:30p.m. Binghamton at Reading, 6:45p.m.
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Rangers

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“It’s a best-of-3 series now and we’ve been in this position before,” defenseman Brett Pesce said Wednesday. “We should have the confidence to pull it out.”

The split between the Hurricanes’ home and road results is drastic.

The Hurricanes are the first NHL team to win its first six post-season home games since 2017, and they boast a plus-13 goal differen-

tial in pulling off the feat. They are a lowly 0-5 on the road with a minus-14 differential — a startling performance for a division champion that was tied with the Rangers and three other teams with an NHL-best



Hartford Courant

# FLAVOR

LIVING



A versatile pot of polenta can accommodate pretty much anything you want to serve it with. DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

# Seeking spring comfort?

Buttery, vegetable-topped polenta will do the trick

By Melissa Clark  
The New York Times

Comfort food can take different forms. At its most heartfelt, it's those childhood tastes that resonate emotionally: a pan of noodle kugel, a chicken foot straight out of my grandmother's soup pot, a buttered slice of my father's warm anadama bread. They may not be comforting to everyone, but, to me, they're as soothing as a purring cat curled up in my lap (also not comforting for everyone).

Then, there's the more general kind of comfort food: carbohydrate-filled, unchallenging things that go down easy when life feels hard.

The most powerfully comforting dishes combine the personal with the universal. In my kitchen, a bowl of soft polenta does exactly that.

When I ate it as a kid, I drizzled it with molas-

ses and called it cornmeal mush to evoke the little pioneer sisters from my favorite storybooks. Those same ingredients, cornmeal and molasses, also went into my father's anadama loaves.

Years later, I learned that what I called cornmeal mush is the American cousin of Italian polenta, the main difference being the grind of the corn. Polenta is coarser. And it's usually eaten savory, the only sweetness coming from the cornmeal itself, often balanced out by a fistful of Parmesan. Still, it gives me the same warm, cozy feeling as that childhood mush.

Not just comforting, polenta is versatile, too. A pot of it can accommodate pretty much anything you want to serve it with, whether it's a simple shower of black pepper or the most elaborate ragù.

This vegetable-topped version is perfect for

## POLENTA WITH ASPARAGUS, PEAS AND MINT

**Makes:** 4 servings  
**Total time:** 1 hour  
1 ½ cups polenta, coarse-grind cornmeal or corn grits (see note)  
1 teaspoon fine sea or table salt, plus more as needed  
4 to 6 tablespoons unsalted butter  
¼ cup grated Parmesan, or more to taste, plus shaved Parmesan for serving  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed  
2 large or 4 small shallots (or 1 small red onion), thinly sliced  
3 thinly sliced garlic cloves  
2 tablespoons dry vermouth or white wine  
2 pounds asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 ½ cups frozen or fresh peas (no need to thaw frozen peas first)  
½ cup vegetable or chicken stock  
½ cup torn mint leaves, or you can use parsley, cilantro or a combination of

spring. It looks fancy but is extremely easy to make: a quick braise that layers asparagus and peas with shallots, vermouth and loads of fresh mint.

You can make the topping while the polenta cooks. I

any soft herbs  
Freshly ground black pepper  
**1. If cooking polenta on stovetop:** In a medium pot over high heat, combine 4 ½ cups water, polenta and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a simmer, stirring frequently, until thickened, 30 to 40 minutes, depending on how finely the polenta is ground (coarse-ground polenta takes longer).  
**2. Alternatively, cook polenta in oven:** Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium Dutch oven or other oven-safe pot over high heat, bring 4 ½ cups water, polenta and 1 teaspoon salt to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, stirring constantly until the mixture starts to thicken slightly, 3 to 5 minutes. Cover pot and transfer to the oven. Bake for 20 minutes, then give the mixture a stir. If it looks dry, add another ½ cup water. Cover the pot once more, and continue to bake for another 20 to 30 minutes.  
**3. When polenta** is thick and creamy, stir in 2 to 4 of the tablespoons butter (depending on how buttery you like it) and the Parmesan. Taste and add more

Parmesan and salt, if needed.  
**4. As the polenta cooks,** prepare the vegetables: In a large skillet, heat oil over medium. Add shallots and sauté until tender and golden, 4 to 6 minutes.  
**5. Stir in** garlic and cook for another minute or two, until fragrant and very lightly golden in spots. Add vermouth and cook until alcohol evaporates, about 2 to 3 minutes.  
**6. Stir in** asparagus and peas, and cook until vegetables are glossy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add stock, remaining 2 tablespoons butter and a large pinch of salt, and bring to a simmer. Cook until vegetables are tender and sauce thickens slightly, 2 to 8 minutes. (Thicker asparagus will take longer to soften.) Stir in the mint. Taste and add more salt, if needed.  
**7. To serve,** spoon polenta into bowls, top with vegetables and their sauce, and grind on lots of fresh pepper. Finish with shaved Parmesan.  
**Note:** If using instant polenta, cook it according to package instructions and start at Step 3.

usually bake my polenta, since I like recipes that are hands-off. But if you prefer having more control, you can simmer the polenta on one burner while making the sauce on another. If you're short on time,

you can substitute instant polenta. But you won't get that same pleasingly nubby texture and deep corn flavor. Or, if it's the buttery asparagus-pea-shallot topping that's calling to you

rather than the polenta, skip it. Instead, you can serve the braised vegetables over pasta, toast, rice or a plate of scrambled eggs. Anything that gives you comfort will work perfectly here.

# Juicy portobello mushroom burgers are seriously satisfying

By Kelli Foster  
TheKitchn.com

It's been over a month since I first made these plant-based burgers, and I've lost count of just how many times I've made them since then.

They're juicy, easy and

super satisfying, which is how they've won a spot in my dinner rotation.

Thick portobello mushroom caps (be sure to buy large ones) are marinated and grilled until tender and lightly charred, then added on your favorite hamburger bun (which has already

been swiped with pesto on both sides) and layered with sweet and tender grilled red onion, roasted red pepper and a small handful of spicy arugula.

They're packed with flavor, and the mix of colors and textures will keep you coming back for more. This

vegan sandwich checks all the boxes — and then some.

There's very little prep involved in making these burgers. In fact, there are just two steps.

**1. Marinate.** Whisk together a simple pantry marinade, add the mushrooms, toss to coat and let

them sit at room temperature for about 30 minutes. (While the mushrooms are marinating, you'll have plenty of time to tear apart the roasted red peppers and slice and grill the red onion.)


**2. Grill.** This recipe includes the option to

grill the mushrooms on an outdoor grill or using a grill pan on the stovetop. Regardless of the method you use, you'll grill the mushrooms stem-side up until tender and grill marks appear, then flip and grill

**Turn to Mushroom, Page 2**

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# Personalized cookbooks preserve memories

By Sharyn Jackson  
Minneapolis Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — A black linen napkin made the chicken pop. After ruffling a white towel over a square of rustic wooden planks, Rachel Ingber thought better of it and grabbed the darker cloth from the hallway “prop closet” in her home. She set it with a casual billow next to an All-Clad casserole dish holding a char-flecked roast chicken so plump it was practically hanging over the edges, and snapped a photo from above.

Moments later, the picture appeared on a laptop screen. “Winner?” Ingber asked her client and friend, Sarah Sherman. “Winner winner, chicken dinner,” Sherman answered.

The photo shoot was one of several sessions between the two that will ultimately become a keepsake cookbook preserving the recipes of Sherman’s late mother.

Ingber is a book photographer and designer, and her business, Heirloom Collaborative, specializes in food. Clients meet with her over the course of weeks or months to flesh out a vision for a personal collection of recipes that, when printed, will be a hardbound and glossy cookbook.

The self-professed “cookbook addict” creates a volume that connects to history and memory in a visceral way: through tastes, smells and mouthwatering food photography.

“Food is such an emotional thing for families,” said Ingber, 34. “It brings me so much joy to hear the stories and preserve these recipes.”

A former market researcher, Ingber started making cookbooks as a hobby. A few years ago, as her husband’s grandmother, who went by Nana Minnie, was about to turn 97, Ingber decided to gather



Rachel Ingber with some of the heirloom cookbooks she has helped create. JERRY HOLT/STAR TRIBUNE

a few of Nana Minnie’s beloved recipes and type them up for herself.

She started taking photos of the dishes as she prepared them, and as she worked, formatting recipes and designing the book using publishing software, family members asked if they could have a copy when she was done. She finished the book, which has a closeup of Nana Minnie on the cover, for the matriarch’s 100th birthday. When she died months later, the cookbook became even more meaningful to the extended family who purchased copies.

Over the years she worked on the project, and in the time since, Ingber stumbled onto a powerful way to keep a dear relative’s memory alive. “I feel like our kids know Nana still, because they see her, and they know when we make the chocolate chip cookies from her cookbook, those are Nana’s cookies.”

Ingber loved immers-

**NANA MINNIE’S POPPY SEED COOKIES**

**Makes:** About 200 cookies  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
¼ cup poppy seeds

**1. In the bowl** of an electric mixer on medium-high speed, cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla extract, and continue to beat well.

**2. Add** flour, baking powder and poppy seeds, and mix until well combined.

ing herself in Nana Minnie’s recipes during the yearslong process of making the cookbook, and she imagined she could streamline it and do the same for others. She left her job last year to pursue custom cookbooks as a

**3. Divide** dough into 4 parts and roll out each into a log-shaped roll about the width of a quarter. Wrap each individually with plastic wrap and place in the freezer until firm, about 1 hour.

**4. Preheat** oven to 350 degrees.

**5. Remove** the dough from the freezer and roll a few times (still in plastic wrap) to re-form the log shape. Remove plastic.

**6. Slice** into thin, quarter-sized pieces and lay each piece out on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes or until browned. Remove from oven and transfer to baking rack to cool.

career and has since created books for clients as far away as North Carolina.

Some clients cook their own food and bring it to Ingber to photograph. Other times, Ingber makes the dishes in her own kitchen, as she and Sher-

man did together on a recent afternoon, the scent of garlic and onion wafting over Ingber’s makeshift photo studio on her dining room table.

Ingber and Sherman began working together on the book earlier this year, and their sessions came with an unexpected twist for Sherman.

“This has been super therapeutic for me to get to process my grief in a very healthy and natural and comforting way,” she said.

**CREATING MEMORIES**

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**ALICE’S CAVATELLI**

*This is one of Sarah Sherman’s mother’s no-recipe recipes, which will be published in a custom cookbook made by Rachel Ingber’s Heirloom Collaborative. “The cavatelli was an accident,” Sherman said. “My mom was out of pasta, so it’s actually three pastas mixed together.” Use any kind of pasta in your pantry, enough to equal about a pound dry. Or use leftover cooked pasta.*

**Makes:** 6 servings  
¼ to ½ pound each of two to three different types of pasta  
1 pound ground beef  
Olive oil  
1 medium onion, diced  
1 green pepper, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
¼ pound sliced pepperoni  
1 to 2 jars of spaghetti sauce  
¼ cup shredded provolone  
¼ cup shredded mozzarella  
¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

**1. Preheat** oven to 350 degrees.

**2. Cook** the pasta according to package directions. (If there are different cook times, make them separately.) Drain, drizzle with olive oil and set aside.

**3. In a large skillet**, cook the beef until it’s totally browned. Remove the meat with a slotted spoon and set aside. Discard any grease from the skillet. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in the skillet and add onion and peppers, stirring until the onions are translucent. Add garlic and cook for 1 additional minute. Off heat, mix in the cooked beef, pepperoni and tomato sauce.

**4. In a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish**, layer half the mixed noodles, tomato-beef mixture and cheeses, then repeat, ending with the cheese on top.

**5. Bake** for 20 to 30 minutes until hot. Cover with foil if the cheese is starting to burn.

## Mushroom

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the other side until tender. If using a grill pan, plan on grilling the mushrooms in batches so you don’t overcrowd the pan.

Any of your favorite sides to pair with burgers or sandwiches are a great addition with portobello mushroom burgers. Simple slaws and salads are good choice, and I’m a fan of serving them with grilled vegetables since the grill’s already fired up.

**PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM BURGERS**

**Makes:** 4 servings  
2 cloves garlic  
4 large portobello mushrooms (about 3 ounces each and 4 inches wide)  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
1 tablespoon low-sodium tamari or soy sauce  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
½ teaspoon kosher salt  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 small red onion  
4 ounces roasted red peppers (about ¾ cup)  
Vegetable oil  
4 hamburger buns  
½ cup vegan or regular pesto sauce (homemade or store-bought)  
1 cup packed baby arugula (about 1 ounce)

**1. Mince** 2 garlic cloves. If needed, remove the stems from 4 large portobello mushrooms.

**2. Place** the garlic, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce, 1 tablespoon olive oil, ½ teaspoon kosher salt and ¼ teaspoon black pepper in a large resealable bag or large shallow container and stir to combine. Add 4 large portobello mushrooms and toss to coat. Marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the toppings.

**3. Slice** 1 small red onion into ¼-inch-thick rounds. Tear 4 ounces roasted red peppers (about ¾ cup) into large pieces.

**OPTION 1: GRILL PAN**

**1. Heat** a grill pan over



The mix of color and texture in these vegan burgers will keep you coming back for more. KELLI FOSTER/THEKITCHN.COM

medium-high heat for 5 minutes. Brush the pan with vegetable oil. Place the onions in the pan in a single layer and cook until grill marks form on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip the onions and cook until tender, about 2 minutes more. Transfer to a plate or baking sheet. Meanwhile, remove the mushrooms from the marinade.

**2. Brush** pan again with vegetable oil. Working in batches if needed, place 2 of mushrooms in pan in a single layer, stem-side up. Cook until marks form on bottom, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook until tender, about 4 minutes more. Transfer to a plate or baking sheet and tent with aluminum foil to keep warm. Brush the pan with more oil before cooking the remaining mushrooms.

**3. If desired**, split 4 hamburger buns and grill until toasted and lightly browned, 30 seconds to 1 minute per side.

**OPTION 2: OUTDOOR GRILL**

**1. Prepare** an outdoor grill for medium-high, direct heat. Scrape the grill grates clean if needed. Oil the grill

grates with a paper towel dipped in vegetable oil.

**2. Place** the onions on the grill in a single layer. Cover and grill until grill marks form on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes. Flip the onions and grill until tender, about 2 minutes more. Transfer to a plate or baking sheet. Meanwhile, remove the mushrooms from the marinade.

**3. Place** the mushrooms on the grill in a single layer stem-side up. Cover and grill until grill marks form on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Flip the mushrooms, cover, and grill until the mushrooms are tender, 3 to 4 minutes more.

**4. If desired**, split 4 hamburger buns and grill until toasted and lightly browned, about 30 seconds per side.

**FINISH**

**1. Spread** ½ cup pesto evenly on cut sides of the buns (about 1 tablespoon per bun half).

**2. Place** a grilled mushroom, stem-side up, on each bottom bun. Top the mushrooms with the grilled onion, roasted red pepper, 1 packed cup baby arugula, and close with the top bun.

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# Are sheep crucial for vineyards, ecosystems?

By Eric Asimov  
The New York Times

PAICINES, Calif. — This is a story about livestock and vegetation, microorganisms and tilling, ecosystems and compost, water and climate change, which, in 2022, means it's very much about wine.

This dusty town in San Benito County, about an hour by car southeast of Santa Cruz, is the site of Paicines Ranch, an experiment in creating a diverse ecosystem dedicated to regenerative agriculture and soil health.

On 7,600 rolling acres of grassy hills, threaded with chaparral sage, oak forest and wetlands, cattle, sheep, pigs, turkeys and chickens graze and forage in an environment rich with the sounds of birds, insects and other wild creatures going about their day.

Before the animals are sold off as pastured meats, they are integral parts of a polycultural farm, which includes roughly 300 acres of organic grains and vegetables along with a 25-acre organic demonstration vineyard.

The vineyard has a tall order. It was specifically intended to build soil health with a permanent cover of native perennial grasses and other plants, and to introduce animals into the vineyard. The aim is to withstand and combat climate change by sequestering carbon and minimizing water usage, and to increase the population of mycorrhizal fungi, which form symbiotic relationships with the vine roots, all while producing the material to make exceptional wine.

Other vineyards are farmed with regenerative agriculture, which builds a thriving population of microorganisms in the soil and a diverse ecosystem. An increasing number of grape growers have stopping tilling their vineyards, which exposes bare earth, releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.



Sheep graze May 3 at Paicines, a winery and ranch in San Benito County, California. NIC COURY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Many even bring animals into the vineyard after the grapes have been harvested and before the new season starts, using them to control grasses and weeds and as a natural source of fertilizer.

Yet few have taken the approach of Paicines Ranch, which allows sheep into the vineyard even during the growing season, a practice that is generally shunned because sheep can eat precious leaves, buds and grapes.

A few others have developed workarounds to discourage sheep from going after the vines, but the Paicines vineyards may be the first in modern times to have been designed with the idea of having animals among the vines.

Instead of the usual method of training vines on trellises rather low to the ground, in easy reach of hungry grazers, the Paicines vines are set much higher, beyond the reach of even the most determined

sheep. This goes against conventional modern thinking, in which vines are kept low both to absorb heat from the earth and to minimize the energy the plant uses pushing sap upward.

“What is the evolutionary aspect of a grapevine?” said Kelly Mulville, the vineyard manager. “They go up a tree.”

Mulville has been working for years with the notion of integrating animals and organic farming, ever since noticing how much better the crops did when planted in areas that had recently been grazed by cattle while working at an organic farm in the San Luis Valley in Colorado.

He kept that in mind as his focus transitioned to wine, which led him to Spain, Australia, New Zealand and California, where he worked at Rhys Vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains and Medlock Ames in the Alexander Valley.

Finally, he was able to experiment with keeping sheep in a small vineyard in the Alexander Valley during the growing season and was astonished at the results.

It happened that Sallie Calhoun, who owns Paicines Ranch with her husband, Matt Christiano, had been intrigued with the idea of incorporating a vineyard into the ranch's polyculture.

Calhoun was a software engineer with an interest in organic gardening who sold her company in 2001 and purchased the ranch that same year.

The first half of the vineyard was planted in 2017 and the rest in 2020. Altogether now, it comprises seven acres of grenache and a wide variety of other grapes, including assyrtiko, verdejo, picpoul blanc, carignan, mencia, cinsault, counoise and cabernet sauvignon.

If all goes according to plan, the sheep — 1,700

live on the ranch, primarily Dorper and Katahdin breeds — will graze in the vineyard three or four times over the course of the year, eating the grasses and weeds that many growers try to eradicate because they see them as competing with the vines for resources. Mulville scoffs at the idea that other plants threaten vines.

“That's not how ecosystems work,” Mulville said. What we call weeds have an important role to play, he said, adding to the ecological diversity while drawing in animals who feed on them and improve the life in the soil and health of the vines with their presence.

The first commercial harvest was in 2021. It was sold to Margins Wine, which uses organically grown grapes chosen from what the winemaker, Megan Bell, considers underrepresented regions. She made three wines from

Paicines grapes, a grenache, a verdejo and an assyrtiko.

The early results are encouraging. I tasted an assyrtiko and a verdejo during a visit to Paicines earlier this year and found both to be fresh, energetic and deeply textured. The assyrtiko in particular was striking, reminiscent of the stony citrus and herbal flavors of a wine from Santorini but kissed by a little California sun.

“The quality of the fruit was stunning,” Bell said by email. “I was incredibly impressed by the complexity the finished wines achieved from vines that were only four years old.”

Wine quality is crucial if only to draw attention to Mulville's farming methods. People who might not be moved by moral arguments for regenerative farming may be swayed by demonstrably excellent wines.

“Ideally, the wines are extraordinary, the proof that this works,” said Mimi Casteel, a farmer and winemaker in the Willamette Valley of Oregon who has been a leading advocate for regenerative agriculture, and who has been closely following the work at Paicines.

Because wine is so often a product that heightens people's awareness of agriculture, it can stimulate interest in the possibilities of regenerative agriculture as a tool to fight climate change and build more diverse ecosystems.

In that sense, wine is simply a tool to reach the greater goals of Calhoun and Mulville, which, as Calhoun said, is to demonstrate the benefits of soil health in hopes that their methods will be adopted widely.

“It's not as if the first try is going to succeed,” she said. “We have to figure it out.”

Mulville added: “It was established in part to demonstrate what is possible. We're just scratching the surface.”

# Stay cool this summer with a refreshing drink

America's Test Kitchen

Agua fresca means “fresh water.” It is the name for a variety of drinks that are typically made by combining fruits, grains, seeds or flowers with sugar and water.

Some of the most common agua fresca varieties are horchata (made with rice and nuts), agua de Jamaica (made with hibiscus tea) and any variety of melon.

We chose watermelon for our recipe and added lime juice, honey and just a little salt to bring out the sweet and tart flavors. Serve it in a clear glass to show off that color!

Garnishes can also add pizzazz to your beverage. Here are a few ideas:

- Add fresh fruit on top, such as slices of lemon or lime or watermelon shapes.
- Wrap a strip of citrus peel around a chopstick and place the corkscrew peel in the glass for flair.
- Boost flavor with the



Our agua fresca, or “fresh water,” is packed with fresh watermelon juice, tart lime juice and a touch of honey. **ASHLEY MOORE/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**

addition of fresh herbs, such as a sprig of mint or rosemary.

**3. Pour** mixture into a fine-mesh strainer set over a pitcher. Use a rubber spatula to stir and press on watermelon bits to get out as much juice as possible. Discard the solids in the strainer.

**4. Repeat** blending and straining in Steps 2 and 3 with the second half of the watermelon and water.

**5. Add** lime juice, honey and salt to the pitcher. Use a rubber spatula to stir until well combined.

**6. To serve,** place ice in glasses and pour agua fresca over ice. Add a lime wedge and mint (if using) to each glass.

**Note:** Agua fresca can be refrigerated for up to five days; stir to recombine before serving.

## WATERMELON AGUA FRESCA

**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings, about 6 cups  
8 cups (1-inch pieces) seedless watermelon (2 ½ pounds)  
2 cups water  
¼ cup lime juice, squeezed from 2 limes, plus lime wedges for serving  
2 tablespoons honey  
½ teaspoon salt  
Ice  
Fresh mint leaves (optional)  
**1. Place** a fine-mesh strainer over a pitcher; set aside.  
**2. Add** half of the chopped watermelon and half of the water to a blender jar. Place lid on top of blender and hold firmly in place with a folded dish towel. Process until smooth, about 30 seconds.

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Roasted wild salmon with ginger-lime butter. Whether you choose king salmon, coho or sockeye, take care not to overcook it. **DAVID MALOSH/ THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

# A light, fresh menu that meets the moment

By David Tanis  
The New York Times

The spring awakening is upon us. At the market, asparagus is showing up, along with leafy young turnips and the first peas. But even beets can be springy when given a chance.

I craved a light, fresh meal to match the season. Earthy beets beckoned at the market in bright bunches, leaves attached. They were so fetching that it was hard to choose: the ruby-red or the sunny gold ones?

Though they take a while to prepare, freshly roasted beets are worth the effort. You can cook a dozen or so at a time and keep them in the fridge, at the ready for use in salads or soup. I wanted a zippy soup that hinted at borscht but not in a wintry way. So I seasoned and tempered sweet beets with a touch of vinegar, then whizzed them to a silky purée.

To contrast the soup’s rich flavor, I swiped a hefty amount of yogurt, dotted with tarragon and chives, across the soup’s surface. The good news is, it tastes good hot or chilled — and, I think, is best served in small portions.

On the West Coast, spring is the beginning of wild salmon season. There really is nothing quite like it: Wild salmon simply tastes better than farmed and is always a better choice, sustainably speaking. (Is it a splurge? Yes, except in places like Seattle.)

Whether you choose king salmon, coho or sockeye, take care not to overcook it: At the fish market, I ask for one large fillet. Then I lay it flat on a baking sheet and roast it in a moderate oven, just until white juices appear on the surface of the



Cherry compote with almonds. Fresh cherries are ideal, but frozen cherries will do in a pinch.

## CHERRY COMPOTE WITH ALMONDS

*Gorgeous, shiny cherries straight from the market are the ideal finish to a meal — just put them in a big bowl and take them to the table. If, however, you feel a need to serve a “real” dessert, try these easy, slightly gussied-up cherries, which are really a kind of simplified version of brandied cherries. Fresh cherries are ideal, but frozen cherries will do in a pinch.*

**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings  
**Total time:** 10 minutes, plus chilling  
1 pound pitted fresh cherries  
¼ cup sugar  
2 tablespoons orange or almond liqueur, such as Cointreau

A few drops of almond extract  
1 cup whole blanched almonds (see note below)  
**1. Put cherries** in a low, wide skillet over medium heat. Sprinkle with sugar and cook, stirring occasionally, until cherries are heated through and a syrup has formed at the bottom of the pan, 5 to 8 minutes.  
**2. Turn off heat.** Add orange liqueur and almond extract. Stir in blanched almonds.  
**3. Transfer** to a serving bowl and refrigerate until time to serve. (It keeps for up to 3 days in the refrigerator.) Serve chilled.  
**Note:** To blanch almonds, place a handful of whole natural almonds in a bowl and pour boiling water over them. After 5 minutes, drain almonds. While they’re still warm, slip off the skins.

fish. This ensures moist, flaky salmon.  
To enhance the fish, I mashed grated ginger and lime zest and juice into butter, to be smeared over the hot fillet. I used the same butter to quickly wilt a huge potful of baby spinach, which made a fine accompaniment. Their additions were in keeping with the theme of fresh, bright and springy — amplifying, not minimizing, the greens’ role.

Summer’s riotous bounty may get more attention, but the return of spring’s seasonal offerings to my basket feels like a true celebration. When I spied cherries on the market rounds the other day, it put a little pep in my step. Gorgeous, shiny cherries straight from the market are the ideal finish to a meal. Just put them in a big bowl and take them to the table — instant glorious dessert.  
If, however, you feel

a need to serve a “real” dessert, try these easy, slightly gussied-up cherries. It’s really a kind of simplified version of brandied cherries. The almond-cherry combination is classic; in fact, the two are botanically related. Serve a few of these cherries in little glasses, perhaps with some Italian almond cookies — but you’d get no complaints if you spooned them over vanilla ice cream.

## BEET SOUP WITH TARRAGON, CHIVES AND YOGURT

*Freshly cooked beets, though they take a while to prepare (see note), are so delicious that they’re worth the effort. Cook them the day before you need them and keep them in the fridge for up to a week, to use in salads or for a soup. For this borscht-inspired soup, a splash of vinegar tempers the beets’ natural sweetness, which is perfectly complemented by a splash of tart herby yogurt. This soup may be served warm or chilled; each way is refreshing.*

**Makes:** 6 to 8 servings  
**Total time:** 40 minutes, plus time for cooking beets  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 medium onion, diced  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 ½ pounds cooked, peeled red beets, chopped (see note)  
Salt and pepper  
Pinch of ground cayenne  
¼ cup red-wine or apple cider vinegar, plus more to taste  
8 cups water or broth  
1 cup whole-milk yogurt  
3 tablespoons chopped tarragon leaves  
2 tablespoons thinly sliced chives  
**1. Put** olive oil in a heavy-bottomed soup pot or deep, wide skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, cook slowly, stirring, until softened, about 10 minutes.

**2. Add** beets and season generously with salt and pepper. Add a pinch of cayenne and pour in vinegar. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, then add water and raise heat to a brisk simmer. Taste broth and adjust. Cook for another 10 minutes, until beets are completely soft.  
**3. Purée** in a blender, in batches if necessary, and strain through a fine-mesh sieve. (Consistency should be like heavy cream, no thicker — thin with water or broth as necessary). Return puréed soup to pot and reheat. In a small bowl, combine yogurt with tarragon and chives. Add a good pinch of salt and beat with a fork to loosen yogurt.  
**4. Taste** soup, and adjust for salt and vinegar. Ladle into individual bowls. Swirl a large spoonful (2 to 3 tablespoons) of herbed yogurt across surface of the soup.  
**Note:** To cook beets, cut off the greens and reserve for another use. Wash beets well, put them in a low baking dish and add 1 inch of water. Put on a tightly fitting lid or wrap tightly with foil. Bake at 350 degrees until they are fork tender, about 1 hour 15 minutes. While beets are still warm, slide off the tough “skin” with the aid of a kitchen towel. Refrigerate cooked beets for up to a week.



Beet soup can be served warm or chilled.

## ROASTED SALMON WITH GINGER-LIME BUTTER

*Wild Pacific salmon is available in spring and summer, and the flavor is phenomenal. It definitely tastes better than farmed salmon and is always a better choice, sustainably speaking. Though it is expensive, think of it as a seasonal treat. Whether you choose wild king salmon, coho or sockeye, take care not to overcook it.*

**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

**Total time:** 25 minutes  
1 (1 ½ pound) wild salmon fillet, such as king or coho, at room temperature  
Salt and pepper  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened  
2 tablespoons grated ginger  
1 teaspoon lime zest  
1 teaspoon lemon zest  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 pound baby spinach  
Lime wedges, for serving  
½ cup thinly sliced scallions, green and white parts

**1. Lay** the salmon on a rimmed baking sheet, and season with salt and pepper. Heat oven to 350 degrees.  
**2. Make the ginger-lime butter:** In a small bowl, combine softened butter, ginger, lime zest, lemon zest and lime juice. Add salt and pepper to taste, and stir well to combine.  
**3. Transfer salmon**, uncovered, to oven to cook for about 8 minutes. Check the salmon once or twice as it cooks. Depending on the thickness of the fish, it should be fully cooked when little white juices appear on the surface — moist and yielding with big flakes when

probed. It may take 10 minutes for thick fillets.  
**4. As the salmon cooks**, put 2 tablespoons ginger-lime butter in a wide, deep skillet or large pot over medium heat. When butter is melted, add spinach and a pinch of salt. Put on the lid and turn heat to medium-high. (You may need to add spinach in batches.) After 2 minutes, remove lid and stir spinach to help it wilt. When all spinach is wilted, turn off heat.  
**5. Transfer salmon** to a platter or divide among plates. Smear remaining ginger-lime butter on fish. Surround with wilted spinach and lime wedges, and top with scallions.